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**A truck sits partially in a ditch, following a collision with a car in New Lebanon on Thursday.**

## Diesel fuel, hydraulic fluids leak after crash

By Bill Williams  
Columbia-Greene Media

NEW LEBANON — A Columbia County man was ticketed following a two-car accident on Thursday morning in New Lebanon. The crash caused diesel fuel and hydraulic fluids to leak from a piece of equipment

carried on one of the vehicles.

David Giblin, 39, of Canaan, was issued several tickets following the crash, Aaron Hicks, public information officer for state police Troop K, said Friday.

Giblin was using an electronic device while driving, Hicks said.

The other driver, Joshua Wood, 39, also of Canaan, was not charged, Hicks said.

At about 11:38 a.m., a 2006 Plymouth was traveling east on Cemetery Road driven by Giblin, Hicks said. His car went through a stop sign and struck a 2015 Dodge truck, which was

being driven south on county Route 5A by Wood.

The truck involved was a work vehicle owned by New Leaf Tree Services of Chatham, which was towing a large wood chipper.

The impact of the crash

See CRASH A11

## Drive-in lands major role in documentary

By Raymond Pignone  
Columbia-Greene Media

GREENVILLE — Drive-in theaters from their Golden Age in the 1950s and 1960s through tough times over the next four decades as they fell victim to modern multiplexes, home video and soaring real-estate values are enjoying a weird and

unprecedented renaissance amid streaming devices and TV's renewed vigor, and it's mainly thanks to a pandemic the debilitated the moviegoing audience for two years.

When COVID-19 hit, indoor movie theaters shuttered

See DRIVE-IN A11



Beth Schneck Photography

**Owners Dwight Grimm and Leigh Van Swall in the projection booth at the Greenville Drive-In.**



Beth Schneck Photography

**The Greenville Drive-In sign announces a hit movie.**



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## Kiln fire breaks out at lumber company

By Bill Williams  
Columbia-Greene Media

GHENT — Six Columbia County fire companies responded to a lumber company in Ghent on Thursday evening after a fire was reported in a kiln at the facility.

The fire was at Ghent Wood Products, at 1264 Route 66.

A lumber kiln is a type of oven used to dry out green wood for more immediate use. Different types of kilns treat different substances by heating them to specific temperatures.

At about 6:44 p.m., Columbia County 911 sent West Ghent Fire Company to the scene after receiving reports of the fire.

When firefighters arrived on the scene, fire officials reported that the kiln was fully involved and requested mutual-aid assistance from

neighboring fire companies.

Crews began pouring water on the burning kiln and reported the fire was under control at 7:12 p.m.

Firefighters then began checking to make sure there were no areas where the fire could begin again.

The fire was contained to the kiln, and the wood that was inside of it when the fire broke out, fire officials on the scene said.

No injuries were reported, fire officials said.

Quick action from firefighters kept the fire from spreading to any of the larger buildings in the area.

Due to limited space within the lumberyard, many of the arriving fire trucks staged along Orchard Road.

The owners of Ghent Wood Products posted a thank-you

See FIRE A11



Bill Williams/Columbia-Greene Media

**Multiple fire departments responded to Ghent Wood Products on Thursday night, after a kiln caught fire.**

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### Weather

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HIGH 88	LOW 73	91 71

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# Weather

### FORECAST FOR HUDSON/CATSKILL

TODAY	TONIGHT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
Humid with a t-storm	Partly cloudy and warm	Hot; a stray p.m. t-shower	Partly sunny, hot and humid	A shower and t-storm	Cloudy, a stray t-shower
<b>HIGH 88</b>	<b>LOW 73</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>82</b>

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

### ALMANAC

Statistics through 1 p.m. yesterday

Temperature	Precipitation
Yesterday as of 1 p.m. High 85 Low 71	24 hrs. through 1 p.m. yest. 0.74"

YEAR TO DATE: 18.42 NORMAL: 23.79

### SUN AND MOON

	Today	Sun.
Sunrise	5:53 a.m.	5:54 a.m.
Sunset	8:09 p.m.	8:08 p.m.
Moonrise	3:15 p.m.	4:31 p.m.
Moonset	12:04 a.m.	12:40 a.m.

#### Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Aug 11	Aug 19	Aug 27	Sep 3

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### NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

City	Temp
Seattle	83/59
San Francisco	74/60
Los Angeles	86/67
Chicago	93/76
New York	87/76
Washington	87/77
Atlanta	89/72
Houston	91/77
Miami	90/81
Honolulu	88/76
Hilo	84/70

Legend: showers t-storms rain flurries snow ice cold front warm front stationary front

### NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo W	Sun. Hi/Lo W
Albuquerque	92/69 pc	88/67 t
Anchorage	61/53 c	60/54 r
Atlanta	89/72 t	86/71 t
Atlantic City	84/76 t	85/77 s
Baltimore	90/75 t	92/75 s
Billings	61/52 t	83/60 s
Birmingham	92/75 t	90/74 t
Boise	90/60 s	95/65 s
Boston	89/76 t	94/77 pc
Charleston, SC	89/74 t	88/74 t
Charleston, WV	81/69 t	86/71 t
Charlotte	91/72 t	91/71 t
Cheyenne	88/58 t	72/57 t
Chicago	93/76 s	88/71 t
Cincinnati	83/72 t	88/72 t
Cleveland	85/72 t	87/74 t
Columbus, OH	83/71 t	88/73 t
Dallas	99/80 pc	99/81 s
Denver	94/64 t	77/61 t
Des Moines	101/76 pc	89/68 t
Detroit	90/73 sh	91/74 s
Hartford	90/75 t	92/75 pc
Honolulu	88/76 sh	87/75 pc
Houston	91/77 t	94/76 pc
Indianapolis	88/72 t	89/74 pc
Kansas City	97/79 s	93/73 pc
Knoxville	86/70 t	87/71 t
Las Vegas	96/81 pc	101/81 s
Little Rock	93/76 s	94/75 s
Los Angeles	86/67 s	89/68 pc
Miami	90/81 sh	89/80 t
Milwaukee	90/76 pc	83/67 t
Minneapolis	83/63 t	75/57 t
Nashville	88/73 t	91/75 t
New Orleans	88/77 t	89/76 t
New York City	87/76 t	90/77 pc
Norfolk	89/75 t	92/75 pc
Oklahoma City	99/75 s	96/74 s
Omaha	101/74 pc	86/63 t
Orlando	92/76 t	92/75 t
Philadelphia	90/76 t	92/78 pc
Phoenix	106/87 pc	101/85 t
Pittsburgh	80/70 t	83/71 t
Portland	83/70 t	91/69 s
Portland	93/64 s	97/65 s
Providence	90/75 t	91/75 pc
Raleigh	92/74 t	92/74 pc
Richmond	90/74 pc	93/74 pc
Sacramento	91/60 s	92/59 s
St. Louis	93/78 s	94/77 pc
Salt Lake City	81/67 t	89/66 s
San Francisco	74/60 t	71/59 s
Savannah	87/74 t	88/73 t
Seattle	83/59 s	89/62 s
Tampa	93/78 t	94/78 t
Washington, DC	87/77 t	92/77 pc

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

# Jury sees bloodstained halls in rare tour of Parkland school shooting scene

Meryl Kornfield and Maria Luisa Paul  
The Washington Post

The freshman building has essentially remained unchanged since a gunman opened fire inside Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Feb. 14, 2018, sending students and teachers fleeing for their lives.

Laptops are still cracked open on desks where students' essays remain unfinished. A copy of "To Kill a Mockingbird" was in one classroom near assorted teddy bears, candy hearts and other forgotten Valentine's Day gifts. But alongside the signs of what began as an ordinary school day in Parkland, Fla., were trails of shattered glass, bullet holes and blood where 14 students and three staff members were killed.

A dozen jurors and 10 alternates made a rare visit to the scene of the mass shooting Thursday in the sentencing trial of convicted shooter Nikolas Cruz. The 23-year-old faces either the death penalty or life in prison after pleading guilty in October to 17 counts of murder and 17 counts of attempted murder.

The jury, along with Circuit Judge Elizabeth Scherer, attorneys and journalists, walked through the same hallways and classrooms in the three-story building as Cruz did four years ago. The building has remained closed off to the public behind a 15-foot chain link fence covered in privacy mesh - but prosecutors hope the scene inside will make the case that Cruz should be sentenced to death.

Reporters described the crunch of shattered glass underfoot and the sight of dried blood - contrasted by deflated balloons and decaying rose petals left behind in the students' rush to escape. On the third floor,

where six people died, "the blood in the hallway is something that I would never wish on people to have to see," said South Florida Sun Sentinel reporter Rafael Olmeda.

"It was disturbing on a number of levels," Olmeda said in a pool report interview. "What we saw was the end result of children who are in the middle of an average day having a wonderful time, and all of a sudden, a nightmare erupts."

In Dara Hass's ninth-grade English class, where Alyssa Alhadeff, Alaina Petty and Alexander Schachter died, students had been writing before the attack.

"We go to school every day of the week and we take it all for granted," one student wrote. "We cry and complain without knowing how lucky we are to be able to learn."

Six bullet holes peppering a window on the third floor showed Cruz's attempt to fire at the students fleeing outside. Blood could still be seen where geography teacher Scott Beigel fell while ushering students into a classroom.

In an alcove outside the bathroom where Joaquin Oliver died, a pool of blood and bullet holes in the wall indicated how close Cruz was when he shot the 17-year-old, who helplessly held up his hands. The heart-shaped Valentine's card he carried was left covered in blood. Oliver would have been 22 on Thursday.

"We don't just see a large pool of blood where Joaquin Oliver died," Olmeda said. "We see a large pool of blood where, we know from testimony, Joaquin Oliver sat and waited, knowing he was next to be shot."

Reporters said the jurors did not reveal signs of emotion during the visit, although one appeared to put her arm around

another in a supportive gesture.

Trial consultant Robert Hirschhorn, who was not involved in the case, said it is "extraordinarily rare" for a judge to allow a site visit in any criminal trial. This marks the first time in recent history a judge has allowed such a visit when considering a punishment, he said.

"Site visits always leave indelible and unforgettable impressions with jurors," Hirschhorn said.

In Florida, a death penalty requires a unanimous recommendation by the jury. Cruz's defense team, which has pushed for a life sentence based on Cruz's difficult upbringing and mental health issues, will make its opening statement after next week's recess.

Since the trial began on July 18, jurors have been exposed to graphic videos, photos and audio clips. They have listened to medical experts describe the destructive injuries caused by Cruz's AR-15-style weapon. Now, they have witnessed carnage suspended in time.

Thursday also brought the last day of victim impact statements, during which the loved ones of 17-year-old Helena Ramsay, 15-year-old Peter Wang and 49-year-old athletic director Christopher Hixon described how their lives had been upended.

Clad in a suit with a burgundy bow tie, Hixon's son Corey told the court that he missed the Saturday runs to Dunkin' he took with his father, a Navy veteran.

With three gut-wrenching words, Corey brought people in the courtroom to tears - including members of Cruz's defense team. "I miss him," said Corey, leaning into his mother for a hug and breaking into a sob.

# World food prices post biggest decline since 2008

Aine Quinn  
Bloomberg

Global food prices fell the most since 2008 after concerns over supplies of grains and vegetable oils eased as Ukraine moved toward restarting exports.

A United Nations index of world food costs plunged almost 9% in July. The index fell to the lowest since January, before Russia's blockade of ports in Ukraine -- a major food exporter -- pushed up food costs to a record.

The UN index fell for a fourth month, offering some relief to consumers facing a deepening cost-of-living crisis that spans everything from energy to transport. Still, prices remain elevated, putting pressure on households while global hunger is worsening.

Wheat and corn prices eased last month after Moscow and



BLOOMBERG PHOTO BY LIESA JOHANNSSEN-KOPPITZ  
**Freshly harvested wheat grain falls from a combine harvester into a trailer during the summer harvest in Nauberg, Germany, on July 28, 2022.**

Kyiv reached a deal to reopen Ukraine's ports and the first ship sailed from Odessa. But two weeks after the deal, a myriad of challenges are left to solve before exports can be ramped

up. Three more grain ships left the country's ports on Friday.

"Increased seasonal availabilities in Argentina and Brazil, where maize harvests progressed ahead of their pace last

year, also helped to ease the pressure on prices," the FAO said in a statement.

The UN index tracks export prices for raw goods and excludes retail mark-ups, so while it's a more encouraging sign for consumers, they're still facing high prices. Africa's Sahel region experiencing the worst food-security crisis in a decade, with tens of millions across the continent facing hunger.

Food giant Nestle pushed another round of price increases on consumers during the second quarter as its own costs increased. Supermarket Ocado group said that consumers are switching to cheaper products to save money.

Food prices had already climbed during the pandemic as logistics snarl-ups caused problems and demand outstripped supply as the economy recovered.

# Amazon to buy Roomba-maker iRobot

Matt Day  
Bloomberg

Amazon.com said it would buy iRobot Corp., maker of the Roomba vacuum, for \$1.65 billion as the e-commerce giant continues its push into internet-connected home devices and robotics.

Amazon will pay \$61 a share in cash for the Bedford, Massachusetts-based company, according to a statement on Friday. The offer represents a premium of 22% based on iRobot's last closing price before the announcement. Colin Angle will remain as chief executive officer of iRobot.

"I'm excited to work with the iRobot team to invent in ways that make customers' lives easier and more enjoyable," said Dave Limp, senior vice president of Amazon Devices.

Amazon has worked to place its Alexa voice software and Echo smart speakers at the center of its push into

connected devices. Customers can already use Alexa to control Roomba vacuums. iRobot also runs some of its software on Amazon Web Services servers.

Seattle-based Amazon has come a long way as a hardware player since a failed foray into smartphones a few years ago. It has held new product unveilings in each of the last several years, an effort to position itself at the center of the burgeoning market for smart-home gadgets.

iRobot gives Amazon a household-name in home cleaning gadgets that may give it a leg up over its own designs. Last fall Amazon debuted a household robot named Astro that was supposed to usher in-or at least point to-a Jetsons-like future. Called the Astro, the three-wheeled device would eventually sell for about \$1,450. But Astro, still in a limited rollout, hasn't made a splash with consumers.

iRobot saw sales increase over the pandemic, as families who were household sought shortcuts to keep their homes clean. But like many pandemic-era darlings, iRobot has seen demand wane.

It reported second-quarter revenue of \$255.4 million on Friday, short of analysts' expectations for \$301 million. The company has also been battling JS Global Lifestyle Co. in a patent infringement case against its SharkNinja vacuums and hybrid vacuum-moppers. iRobot portrays itself as an American success story with a "passion for

innovation" that's been undercut by SharkNinja incorporating those inventions into its Chinese-made knockoffs.

## HUDSON RIVER TIDES

Low Tide: 4:25 a.m. 0.91 feet  
High Tide: 9:25 a.m. 3.54 feet  
Low Tide: 4:24 p.m. 0.69 feet  
High Tide: 10:08 p.m. 4.35 feet

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**CALENDAR**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Most events and meetings are cancelled or have been moved online due to the virus outbreak. Please call ahead to confirm.

**Saturday, Aug. 6**  
 ■ Germantown History Department 9 a.m. to noon 1767 Parsonage, 52 Maple Ave., Germantown 518-537-6687  
 ■ Stuyvesant Recreation Commission 9 a.m. Town Hall, 5 Sunset Drive, Stuyvesant 518-758-6248

**Monday, Aug. 8**  
 ■ Canaan Town Board 7 p.m. Upstairs Town Hall, 1647 Route 5, Canaan 518-781-3144  
 ■ Citizens' Climate Lobby Columbia County Chapter 6 p.m. location varies (either Hudson or Chatham) 518-672-7901  
 ■ Copake Parks and Recreation Commission 7 p.m. Park Building, Mountain View Road, Copake 518-329-1234  
 ■ Hillsdale Planning Board 7:30 p.m. Town Hall, Main Street, Hillsdale 518-325-5073  
 ■ Hudson Common Council 7 p.m. at City Hall, 520 Warren St., Hudson, 518-828-1030  
 ■ Kinderhook Village Recreation Commission 7 p.m. Village Hall, 6 Chatham St., Kinderhook 518-758-9882  
 ■ Milan Town Board 7:30 p.m. Wilcox Memorial Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan 845-758-5133  
 ■ New Lebanon Town Board 7 p.m. Town Hall, 14755 Route 22, New Lebanon 518-794-8888  
 ■ Philmont Village Board 7 p.m. Village Hall, 124 Main St., Philmont 518-672-7032  
 ■ Rhinebeck Town Board 6:45 p.m. Town Hall, 80 East Market St., Rhinebeck  
 ■ Taghkanic Town Board 7 p.m. Town Hall, Route 82, West Taghkanic 518-851-7638  
 ■ Tivoli Planning Board Workshop 7 p.m. Historic Watts dePeyster Hall, 1 Tivoli Commons, Tivoli 845-757-2021

**Tuesday, Aug. 9**  
 ■ Chatham Central School District Board of Education 6 p.m. High School Library, Chatham 518-392-2400  
 ■ Chatham Planning Board 7 p.m. Town Hall, 488 Route 295, Chatham 518-392-3262  
 ■ Copake Land Use Review Committee 7 p.m. Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road, Copake 518-329-1234  
 ■ Copake Republican Club 7 p.m. at the Copake Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road, Copake  
 ■ Hillsdale Town Board 7 p.m. Town Hall, Main Street, Hillsdale 518-325-5073  
 ■ Hudson Planning Board 6 p.m. Hudson Hall, 327 Warren St., Hudson  
 ■ Kinderhook Village Climate Smart Community Task Force 7 p.m. Village Hall, 6 Chatham St., Kinderhook 518-758-9882  
 ■ Red Hook Town Board 7:30 p.m. Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook 845-758-4606  
 ■ Rhinebeck Central School District Board of Education 7 p.m. High/Middle School Library, North Park Road, Rhinebeck 845-871-5500  
 ■ Rhinebeck Village Board 7 p.m. Village Hall, 76 East Market St., Rhinebeck 845-876-7015  
 ■ Roeliff Jansen Community Library Board of Trustees 6 p.m. Roeliff Jansen Community Library, 9091 Route 22, Hillsdale director@roeljani-library.org  
 ■ Taghkanic Planning Board 7 p.m. Town Hall, Route 82, West Taghkanic 518-851-7638, ext. 7  
 ■ Valatie Village Board 7:30 p.m. Village Office, Martin H. Glynn Building, 3211 Church St., Valatie 518-758-9806

**Wednesday, Aug. 10**  
 ■ Clermont Planning Board 7:30 p.m. Town Hall, 1795 Route 9, Clermont 518-537-6868  
 ■ Columbia County Board of Supervisors Full Board 7:30 p.m. 401 State St., Hudson. 518-828-1527  
 ■ Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force 7 p.m. Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road, Copake 518-329-1234  
 ■ Ghent Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m. Town Hall, 2306 Route 66, Ghent 518-392-4644  
 ■ Kinderhook Village Board 7 p.m. Village Hall, 6 Chatham St., Kinderhook 518-758-9882  
 ■ Milan Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m. Wilcox Memorial Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan 845-758-5133  
 ■ Pine Plains Zoning Commission 5:15 p.m. Planning Board 7:30 p.m. Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains 518-398-7155  
 ■ Red Hook Central School District Board of Education 7 p.m. District Office Conference Room, Mill Road Elementary School, 9 Mill Road, Red Hook 845-758-2241  
 ■ Red Hook Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m. Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook 845-758-4606  
 ■ Valatie Planning Board 7 p.m. Village Hall, Martin H. Glynn, 3211 Church St., Valatie 518-758-9806

**Thursday, Aug. 11**  
 ■ Austerlitz Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m. Town Hall, 812 Route 203, Spencertown 518-392-3260 (as needed)  
 ■ Chatham Village Board 7 p.m. Tracy Memorial Hall, 77 Chatham St., Chatham 518-392-5821  
 ■ Claverack Town Board 7 p.m. Town Court Building, Route 217, Melleville 518-672-7911

# 61st celebration of Black Culture in Columbia County

HUDSON — Operation Unite, New York is proud to present this year's Hudson Sankofa Black Arts & Cultural Festival & Parade 2022 held on Aug. 12, Aug. 13 and Aug. 14, celebrating 61 years in Columbia County. The celebration dates to 1960 when families along Columbia Street gathered with tables, food and music. According to Ed Cross, "families living on Columbia from Third Street to Front Street, welcomed everybody who came." The Cross family was one among several who were firsthand with community and youth activity. Other families celebrated are the Hughes, Murrays, Cranks, Cubbins, McClouds, Cunninghams, Wise, Fulton's, Healths, Williams, Griffins, Palls, Shiloh Baptist Church, State Street AME Zion and more.

This weekend celebration begins with Opening Ceremonies 5:30-9 p.m. Aug. 12. An open drum circle at 5:30 p.m. invites all to bring their drums and hand instruments. The evening continues with "Open Mic" by Loki Anthony. Artists are encouraged to sign up early and bring material highlighted with cultural enlightenment.

On Saturday, the Sankofa Parade starts at 2 p.m. at the Public Square, 7th Street Park. Follow the parade down to the Henry Hudson Riverfront Park to explore the Hudson Sankofa Family Day Activities. Our waterfront festivities will begin

with words from Honorable Mayor Kamal Johnson and Operation Unite, NY's Advisory Council President, Gregory Mosley. The Festivities begin with the energetic Kaisokah Stilt Walkers from Brooklyn, sponsored by the Bindlestiff Family Circus. There will be a special appearance by the Rainbow Gospel Singers and soloist Marlene Merritt. P.S. 21 of Chatham will bring choreographer Jamal Jackson and a performance by Columbia County youth. The Sankofa Community Awards follows, honoring community volunteers and leaders. Along the river, The Apollonia Schooner will provide free boat outings at 4:00 and 5:00 pm and the Hudson Sloop Club will provide free fishing equipment led Ngunga Badila. The Youth Planning Committee activities will be organized by youth from Operation Unite NY and Bindlestiff Family Circus. Aniece Cousin is coordinating the Community Talent Show. Sign up links are located on the Operation Unite Education and Cultural Arts Facebook page. Photographer David McIntyre will be under the tent photographing "Black Family Portraits" for an exhibition during the annual Kwanzaa cultural celebration. Sign up early Closing up the Family Day will be Gballoi, an African Drum Company from Ghana. Gballoi brings percussion and an opportunity for everyone to join in and dance. We are excited to host the

African Entrepreneur Market, with Tiffany Gariga, giving opportunities to Black and Brown vendors and local cuisine. Once again, we welcome Larry Walker's What's Really Good, one of the best soul food booths in the county.

Returning for the second year of sponsorship is Hudson Hall with fantastic technical assistance and Spark of Hudson, who will supply food for parade marchers. In addition, Spark of Hudson will sponsor this year's Back to School

Giveaway for any Columbia County residents and Staples will donate school supplies boxes. Parents and guardians may show up at the Operation Unite NY table and fill out a form for each child from 4-6pm, then head to the festival Giveaway Tent.

The Sankofa Festival continues at 2 p.m. Aug. 14 with the Arm of the Sea Theater family presentation. Arm of the Sea musical plays highlight environmental concerns and appreciation for our natural

resources. At 3:30 p.m., Marlene Merritt returns with Cabaret songs. At 5 p.m. we close with the annual Sunset Service. Sunday will also serve as the rain date in case of inclement weather on Saturday.

Operation Unite New York would like to thank the City of Hudson for their assistance and financial support for the Hudson Sankofa Black Arts and Cultural Festival and Parade. For information, reach out to Operation Unite NY at 518-828-3612.



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Kaisokah Stilt Walkers from Brooklyn.

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## OUR VIEW

## Money isn't everything

Greene County has a shortage of municipal workers. Fifty-five job openings must be filled and the pain is shared among most agencies, offices and departments.

The question of money and how to spend it is in the Greene County Legislature again, after lawmaker Daryl Legg, D-Hunter, suggested that with dozens of open positions across multiple county departments, the Legislature increase salaries of current employees in an effort to make the jobs more attractive. In response, the Legislature agreed that the county's pay scale is not responsible for the worker shortage.

Greene County Emergency Services Director John Farrell said his

department is so short-staffed he was forced to call retired dispatchers and ask them if they were willing to return to the job. Only one said yes. Legg took a curious position when he said he wouldn't want a dispatcher's job for love or money, then he added the people are there to do the job, so they should be paid to do it.

Legislative Patty Handel, R-Durham, then pointed out that by saying he wouldn't do that job for love or money, he was contradicting himself. "So more money wouldn't entice you to do that job," she said.

There are other factors to consider. First, all raises for county employees have to be collectively bar-

gained. Pay raises are not unilateral decisions. Second, county sales tax revenue is slowing down and that will affect everybody including non-county employees. Third, there is a simple matter of ethics. If the day comes when the raises for a few must be redistributed, how would the Legislature in good faith take the money away from the employees?

Legg's suggestion sounds good until you consider he wants to make the jobs more attractive. But whose jobs are they? Only the people still employed by the county would benefit. It looks like the Legislature will have to come up with some better ideas to attract new county workers.

## ANOTHER VIEW

## The presidency should be no office for old men (or women)

Charles Lane  
The Washington Post

Americans are not excited about the prospect of a 2024 presidential election rematch between Joe Biden and Donald Trump. A CNN poll in late July found that three-quarters of Democratic and Democratic-leaning voters wish the party would nominate someone other than Biden, while 55% of Republicans and Republican leaners "do not want Trump as their standard-bearer. A New York Times/Siena survey produced similar findings earlier that month.

Yet Trump-Biden II remains a likely scenario - possibly the likeliest. If only the Constitution had the following proviso: "No person who has attained the age of 75 years shall be eligible for election to the Office of President." That would bar second-term bids by both Biden, 79, and Trump, 76, forcing the country to pass the torch to a new generation, or at least someone born after the 1940s.

Certainly such an amendment would be the most direct route to eliminating the danger of another Trump presidency, far simpler and more certain than trying to disqualify him via the House Jan. 6 committee's revelations or an indictment. Precluding another four years of Biden would be a small price to pay for a never-Trump guarantee. Who knows? For that worthy objective, Biden himself might agree to sacrifice a shot at reelection.

For now, of course, this is idle speculation. There's no prospect of such a measure being proposed in Congress, much less getting the necessary two-thirds majority of both houses, plus a majority vote in 38 of 50 state legislatures, for ratification by 2024.

(Footnote: ratification of the 26th Amendment granting 18-year-olds the vote took less than four months in 1971; it was done well ahead of the 1972 election.) No doubt there would be an argument over whether Biden and Trump should be grandfathered in. (Sorry.)

Sooner or later, though, there should be serious consideration of setting a maximum age at which anyone may be elected president or vice president. Public opinion appears to be moving that way, judging by a recent YouGov poll showing that 58% of Americans favor an upper age limit on office-holding generally - 70 years being the most popular number cited.

These data reflects public awareness that not only Biden but the speaker of the House, 31 senators and two Supreme Court justices are at least 70. Still, gerontocracy is less concerning in collective legislative and judicial bodies than it is in the one-person presidency, where the proverbial buck stops - but official duty never really does.

"Energy in the Executive is a leading character in the definition of good government," Alexander Hamilton wrote in Federalist No. 70. He wrote these words in defense of the constitutional plan, so they refer to the office's institutional features, but their clear implication is that an energetic individual should lead the executive branch.

Former president Jimmy Carter would agree. In 2019, a nearly 95-year-old Carter said: "I hope there's an age limit. . . . If I were just 80 years old, if I was 15 years younger, I don't believe I could undertake the duties I experienced when I was president."

The simple scientific fact is that, on average, human

physical and mental capabilities diminish as we age. And the stubborn political fact is that, unlike prime ministers in a parliamentary system, presidents are hard to replace between general elections without a crisis, such as impeachment, or invocation of the 25th Amendment for dealing with presidential disability.

The obvious objection is that it's both discriminatory - ageist - and undemocratic categorically to bar a group that made up just over 6% of the U.S. population in 2016, according to the Census Bureau. This demographic cohort will only grow as society ages; and it undoubtedly includes individuals who could handle the job. If an elderly candidate wants to run, the argument goes, let the voters judge his or her fitness.

Nevertheless, the fact that the Constitution set a minimum age - 35 - confirms that age per se is a relevant qualification. Yes, ruling out those 75 and older might exclude many capable candidates, but so does ruling out adults 34 and younger.

Setting the maximum at 74 would be actuarially sensible, not arbitrary. Given that risks - illness, injury, cognitive decline - grow with age, and that the presidency requires a full-time, fully capable occupant, the 75-year rule would "de-risk" the office and, by extension, the political system as a whole.

When they pegged 35 as the minimum age for the presidency, and 30 and 25 for the Senate and House respectively, the framers enshrined the common wisdom of their era: that public office should be reserved for mature members of the community.

## Putin is doing his best to out-fascist Mussolini

WASHINGTON — Fascism's vitality in the 21st century marks it as the most successful fighting faith from the 20th century. So, it is well to understand fascism's founder, who 100 years ago this October orchestrated the March on Rome (he arrived there by railroad sleeper car) that propelled him into power at 39, the youngest ruler in the world at that time. The destroyer of Italy's parliamentary democracy has a political descendant occupying the Kremlin today.

Antonio Scurati's "documentary novel" about Benito Mussolini, "M: Son of the Century," was published in Italy in 2018, has received Italy's premier literary award, and has been translated for publication in 46 countries. It is a long — 761-page — exploration of il Duce's mind and of this: Fascism does not merely condone violence, it is violence. Set in Italy's agony, 1919-1924, the novel bludgeons readers with depictions of the beatings and killings that made Italy resemble a nation without a state.

Mussolini's roving bands of Blackshirts, "bursting with appetites," wielded clubs with precision, "bashing both sides of the mouth, both mandibular joints, in order to fracture the jaws." And there was "the castor oil routine": "You seize a diehard socialist, ram a funnel down his throat, and force him to drink a quart of laxative. Then you tie him to the hood of a car and drive him through town. . . ."

Three days after denouncing a massacre by his followers, Mussolini "proclaimed a general amnesty for politically motivated blood crimes committed for 'national ends.'" This "master of exhaustion" came to power promising to tame his violent followers but instead indulged their addiction to "carefree ferocity."

Mussolini, the anti-Enlightenment embodied, was a fervent socialist until he became

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a fervent fascist, a transformation from one anti-individualism to another. Scurati's Mussolini muses:

"All people [are] shaken to their inner-most core by an irresistible desire to submit to a strong man and, at the same time, to hold sway over the defenseless. They are ready to kiss the shoes of any new master as long as they too are given someone to trample on."

Mussolini was an unimposing 5 feet 6 inches tall — 2 inches shorter than Adolf Hitler, 2 inches taller than Francisco Franco — but *was* fascism: pure energy in search of occasions for aggression. As a fascist, he had no precursors; he was, however, a precursor of the performative masculinity of the bare-chested, judo-practicing, stallion-riding Vladimir Putin.

An essay in last week's Economist establishes that Putinism is fascism: a simmering stew of grievances and resentments (about post-Soviet diminishment) expressed in the rhetoric of victimhood. Putin's regime relies on violence wielded by the state and by state-tolerated assault brigades akin to Mussolini's militias. Mussolini's cult of personality was bound up with restoring the grandeur that was the Roman Empire — or at least tormenting Ethiopia. The cult of Putin the strong man promises the restoration of a supposed golden age that ended with the Soviet Union's ignominious collapse.

As in Mussolini's Italy, there is in Putin's Russia what the Economist calls a "culture

of cruelty" where "domestic abuse is no longer a crime" and "nearly 30% of Russians say torture should be allowed."

As the Economist notes, Alexander Yakovlev, a democratic reformer who worked under Mikhail Gorbachev, warned us in the late 1990s: "The danger of fascism in Russia is real because since 1917 we have become used to living in a criminal world with a criminal state in charge. Banditry, sanctified by ideology — this wording suits both communists and fascists."

The fascist aesthetic of redemptive, regenerative violence serves the fascist philosophy of national purification through the "self-detoxification of society" (Putin's phrase). So, genocide, understood to encompass the erasure of an entire people's cultural identity, flows inexorably from fascism. Andrew Stuttaford, writing for National Review, notes that Russians are not only destroying Ukraine's cultural signifiers (churches, monuments, etc.), they are forcibly relocating to Russia more than "a million Ukrainians . . . among them hundreds of thousands of children, including, reportedly, orphans — some young enough to forget their identity and their language."

"The engine of fascism," the Economist says, "does not have a reverse gear. . . . It will seek to expand both geographically and into people's private lives." As Mussolini, the first fascist, said: "Everything within the state, nothing outside the state, nothing against the state."

Putin's regime encourages the public to show support for the Ukraine war by displaying the "Z" sign, which the Economist calls a "half-swastika." Fascism might flourish more in this century than it did in the previous one.

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## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

'Sit down and read. Educate yourself for the coming conflicts.'

MOTHER JONES

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# You're never too young to be vintage

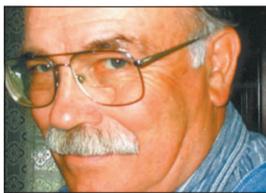
By Dick Brooks

For Columbia-Greene Media

I did something today that I don't usually do. While passing a full length mirror, I stopped and took a long hard look. If you haven't done it lately, I'd recommend it. If it's something you haven't done for a while, brace yourself and try to view it as a learning experience.

One of the first things I learned was gravity was no longer my friend. Everything was a little closer to the ground than it was before and there was more than I remembered — more wrinkles, chins, tummy rolls and eyebrows. There was also less than I remembered — hair on top of my head for example. I've aged since the last time I did this but all in all, I wasn't displeased by what I saw. The old guy in the mirror was a pleasant looking chap, laugh lines etched around the still bright blue eyes. A pleasant smile, a ruffled, well loved, comfortable, old teddy bear look that I liked. Not bad!

WHITTLING AWAY



DICK BROOKS

I walked away from the mirror feeling good about myself, have to do it again soon, maybe next year. In the meantime, I'm going to adjust some of my attitudes about aging.

I think I'll start referring to myself as "vintage." Vintage has a nice feel to it. Vintage wine sounds better than "old grape juice." A "vintage" automobile has more sound appeal than "old junker." Vintage sounds like something special that has been taken good care of. Antique just sounds old, a bed pan can be an antique but you rarely would hear it described as vintage. So vin-

tage is what I'll be and I'll start to value myself as though I were vintage. Old, special and should be taken good care of because it has value — that's me.

Why not? Objects that were born the same year as I was increase in value each year, why shouldn't I? A 1941 automobile, with a saggy seat, a little stiff in the suspension, that needs a tune up will still fetch at least three times what it did when it was new. It feels good to be vintage, vintage is valuable. It could lead to a whole new way of looking at Nursing Homes and Senior Citizen Centers if folks started recognizing the treasures stored there. Join me, you're never too young to be vintage!

Thought for the week — "What we see depends mainly on what we look for." — John Lubbock

Until next week, may you and yours be happy and well.

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# How to tell when fruits and veggies are ripe and ready for picking

By Bob Beyfuss

For Columbia-Greene Media

This is the time of year we harvest many of our favorite vegetables. The following tips will ensure that you get the best possible quality from your efforts. There is still time to plant some fall crops such as beets and salad greens. Lettuce seed will not sprout in hot soil. Sow the seed and water. Then lay a board on top to keep the soil cool until the seed sprouts.

**Beans, green, yellow or purple podded** - Harvest when still thin and about 3 to 4 inches long for best quality. Keep cold and humid and use as soon as possible.

**Beets** - Harvest beets when about 2 inches in diameter. If allowed to get much larger, they become woody, especially in warm, dry weather. Remove all but about 1 1/2 inches of tops. Wash and refrigerate immediately.

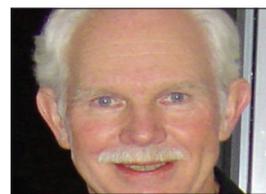
**Brussels sprouts** - Harvest after frost in early to late fall. If sprouts have not begun to form by mid-August, pinch the tops off the plants.

**Cabbage** - Harvest when head becomes solid and firm. Outer leaves should possess a uniform green or purple color (depending on type). Excessive water uptake by plant roots causes splitting. To prevent mature heads from splitting, twist plants enough to break several roots. Store cabbage in crisper and use within 1 to 2 weeks.

**Carrots** - Harvest when small and succulent, but flavor gets sweeter after frost. Do not let them get over about 1 inch in diameter. Always pull largest carrots in the row. Remove tops and wash before transferring to refrigerated storage.

**Corn, sweet** - Watch for signs of ripeness for earliest harvest. Corn silks darken and dry out as ears mature. As kernels fill out toward the top, ends become more blunt instead of pointed. Pick sweet

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BOB BEYFUSS

corn in the milk stage, when a watery, white juice squirts out of a crushed kernel.

**Eggplant** - Harvest when fruits are near full size for whatever specific variety you are growing but still firm, shiny and bright in color. Older fruits become dull colored, soft and seedy. Keep cool and humid.

**Horseradish** - Harvest when roots have reached maximum size in late fall or early spring.

**Melons**  
**Honeydew** - Harvest when yellowish to creamy white with a soft velvety feel. The rind should be slightly soft at the blossom end and have a faint, pleasant odor.

**Muskmelon** - Harvest at three quarters to full slip. When stem separates readily from the fruit under moderate pressure and leaves a circular depression, the full slip or ripe stage has been reached. Outer rind should not have any green color. If melons are fully ripe, store in refrigerator. If not, store in cool area.

**Watermelon** - Harvest when fruits are full size, have a dull surface and creamy colored (not yellow) spot on the bottom where they contact the ground.

**Onion** - Ideal bulb diameter is 2 to 4 inches. Pull all onions when tops fall over. Remove adhering dirt. Do not harvest when soil is wet. Let dry for a day or two with tops on; then clip 1 inch above bulb before storing in a cool

dry place. Harvest green onions when 6 to 8 inches tall.

**Potatoes, Irish and "new"** - For Irish potatoes, a good tuber size is 2 to 3 inches in diameter. Individual preference is the rule here. Harvest "new" potatoes at any size but generally do not dig before tubers are 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 inches in diameter. Let potatoes dry several hours in garden after digging. Do not expose potatoes to sunlight for any length of time. Remove adhering soil but do not wash before storage. Store in cool, dry area.

**Squash** - Harvest when fruit is 4 to 6 inches long for yellow crookneck squash, 6 to 8 inches for zucchini and yellow straight neck and 3 to 4 inches in diameter for white scallop. Glossy color indicates tenderness. Spaghetti squash can be harvested while still green and left outside to gradually turn yellow in a week or two. Harvest winter squash when fruits are full size, the rind is firm and glossy and bottom (portion touching soil) of fruit is cream to orange colored. Light frost will not damage mature fruit. Squash, like cucumbers, are susceptible to chilling injury; do not store at cold temperatures for more than 2 to 3 days.

**Tomatoes** - Harvest when they are fully colored but still firm. Harvest red tomatoes for eating fresh cooking or canning. Do not can overripe tomatoes! If necessary, pick mature green or slightly pink tomatoes and ripen at room temperature, out of direct sunlight.

**Turnips** - Harvest when roots are 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 inches in diameter, but before heavy fall frosts. For greens, harvest leaves 4 to 6 inches in length. Keep topped turnips cold and humid.

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## Candidate forum to be held for 19th District

HUDSON — Candidates for new 19th District to have been invited to give views on climate and energy policy in an online forum 7-8 p.m. Aug. 12. Members of the public may join the online event by registering at <https://tinyurl.com/NY19Forum>

Already challenged by the state's newly redrawn electoral districts, many New Yorkers going to the polls Aug. 23, must choose between candidates about whom they know very little. A coalition of nonpartisan organizations from across the new 19th Congressional District (which

stretches from Columbia County in the east to Tompkins in the west) are working to address that problem by providing a virtual candidate forum on Aug. 12.

Democratic candidates Jamie Cheney and Josh Riley and Republican Marc Molinaro, who are seeking to represent New York's new 19th district in Congress, have been invited to share their views specifically on issues related to the climate and energy. Rather than debating with one another, the participants will take turns stating their particular concerns and

proposals for Congressional action.

Initiated by local chapters of Citizens' Climate Lobby, the forum is cosponsored by environmental organizations active in the 11 counties comprising the new NY19, including Scenic Hudson, Sustainable Hudson Valley, Partners for Climate Action Hudson Valley, Sustainable Finger Lakes, Climate Reality of Tompkins County, Leon Chandler Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Mothers Out Front, and Tompkins County Environmental Management Council.

## Northeastern New York Alzheimer's Association announces 2022 Columbia Greene Walk to End Alzheimer's

HUDSON — The Alzheimer's Association, Northeastern New York (NENY) Chapter is inviting local residents to join the fight to end Alzheimer's by participating in the Columbia Greene Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® on Oct. 15 at Columbia-Greene Community College. On Walk day, participants come together to honor those affected by Alzheimer's and raise funds that ensure the programs and services provided by the Alzheimer's Association are free to all who need them.

Joseph Heaney, Walk Manager at the NENY Chapter, says, "Walk to End Alzheimer's is our signature event and we are pleased to announce this year's Walk will once again be held at Columbia-Greene Community College. While our Walk raises critical funds, it is far more than a fundraiser. It is an inspiring time where our community comes together to celebrate our commitment to ending this disease. If

you've never attended, there is a poignant Promise Garden ceremony with different colors that represent each walker's personal reason to end the disease. It is my hope that you'll consider adding your flower to the fight."

In addition to inviting people to sign up for the Columbia Greene walk, the NENY chapter is encouraging people to become involved in other ways.

"You can start teams, join the planning committee, or sponsor or table at the event," said Heaney. "I have seen firsthand how debilitating Alzheimer's can be. I hope everyone walks with us through this beautiful campus to support an end to this disease."

More than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease — a leading cause of death in the United States. Additionally, more than 11 million family members and friends provide care to people living with Alzheimer's and

other dementias. In New York alone, there are more than 410,000 people living with the disease and 580,000 caregivers.

To register and receive the latest updates on this year's Columbia Greene Walk to End Alzheimer's, visit [act.alz.org/nyeny](http://act.alz.org/nyeny). To learn more about the planning committee or sponsorship opportunities, contact Joseph Heaney at [joheaney@alz.org](mailto:joheaney@alz.org) or 518.675.7203.

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Since 1989, the Alzheimer's Association mobilized millions of Americans in the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk®; now the Alzheimer's Association is continuing to lead the way with Walk to End Alzheimer's. Together, we can end Alzheimer's.

## Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York to hold annual walk to End Epilepsy

ALBANY — The Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York offers the community the opportunity to join their annual Walk to End EPILEPSY® on Sept. 11. This fun filled and exciting event will be held not only in Saratoga Spa State Park this year, but also at Arrowhead Park in Inlet and virtually, wherever walkers are able to participate. Whether in person in Saratoga and Inlet, or virtually, in your own community, the walks will kick off at 11 a.m. Both in person walks will feature music, activities and food for purchase after the event.

The organization's goal would be to have each of their 22 counties of service represented this year,

whether in person or virtually. Registration is free and easy and all walkers, whether participating in person or virtually are encouraged to register. You can find the registration pages as well as information on how to donate and fundraise here: Saratoga Spa - <https://bit.ly/22EFNENYWALK>; and Inlet Walk - <https://bit.ly/22EFWALKINLET>. Those walking in their own community my use either link.

Executive Director of the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York, Jeannine Garab, said, "Our Walk to End EPILEPSY® supports the 45,000 people living with epilepsy throughout northeastern New York. We are excited to see ev-

eryone in person as well as many teams walking in their own communities throughout our 22 counties. Wherever you are, together, we are all walking to END EPILEPSY."

Epilepsy is a neurological disorder defined as having two or more recurring seizures; it can happen to anyone, at any age, at any time. One in 26 people will be diagnosed with epilepsy in their lifetime. Epilepsy is more common than Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy, Multiple Sclerosis and Parkinson's disease combined. For more information, call the Epilepsy Foundation at 518-456-7501 or visit our website at [www.efnny.org](http://www.efnny.org).

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## Robert Scott Briody

July 29, 2022

Robert Scott Briody passed away suddenly on July 29, 2022, at the age of 50. He is survived by his wife, Susan, sons Jarrett and Reese, daughter Darian, and beloved vizslas Rex, Cooper, and Bella; parents Robert and Leslie Briody; parents-in-law Walter and Betty Swanson; sister-in-law Beth Thornton; brother-in-law Ron (Lauri) Swanson; dear nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, colleagues, and an immeasurable amount of friends, all of whom he loved dearly. He was predeceased by his grandparents, Robert and Mary Slover and Alfred and Lillian Briody and many aunts and uncles.

Visitation will be held at The St. Mary's R.C. Church, 80 Mansion Street, Coxsack, N.Y. 12051, on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 from 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1:00 P.M. the same day, at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of The W.C. Brady's Sons, Inc. Funeral Home, Coxsack, N.Y.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Scott's memory to Raceline Ministry, 1755 Ralee Drive, Winston Salem NC 27127 [www.RacelineMinistry.com/donate](http://www.RacelineMinistry.com/donate) or to Roadracing World Action Fund, PO Box 1428, Lake Elsinore CA 92531 [www.roadracing-world.com/actionfund/](http://www.roadracing-world.com/actionfund/) Condolences may be made at [www.wcbradysinc.net](http://www.wcbradysinc.net).

## Linda Joyce Clark Moran

February 2, 1942 - August 5, 2022

Linda Joyce Clark Moran, 80 years old, passed away after a tough multi-year battle with lung cancer. Linda is survived by her daughter Samantha and her son-in-law Scott, granddaughter Lauren, grandson Cameron, sister Tillie, sister-in-law Anne, brother Charles and his wife Nancy, and her half brothers David and Phillip, along with many dear friends.

Linda was born in Bennettsville, South Carolina, and lived her early years at Connie Maxwell Children's Home in Greenwood South Carolina until she graduated high school. She earned an AA degree at Anderson SC Junior College. From the South, she left for NYC, wide eyed and looking ahead to the future. There she found the love of her life and eventual husband, Dennis Moran. Her daughter Samantha was born in 1972. In between falling in love and exploring the big Apple, she received a BA degree at Fordham University in 1974.

Dennis, Linda and Samantha started weekendending in Columbia County NY in 1974 and then relocated permanently in 1979, when they bought their home in Chatham Center. That remained the center of their full social and family life for the next 40 years. Linda never stopped missing Dennis after his sudden death in 1995. He was always present in her pictures, stories and heart even as she continued to make Chatham Center her home until her passing.

Linda's life was characterized by doing the right thing—for her daughter, her grandchildren, her extended family, her friends and neighbors. In many ways, big and small, she cared for the people she loved, whether bringing food to a potluck or hosting a party. She was a lifelong member of the Chatham Hunt Club where she was the workhorse behind Dennis' presidency and subsequent functions.

She believed deeply in the power of a great education and assured that both her daughter and grandchildren had access to the best education available. As a beloved grandmother, she always had time for Lauren and Cameron—rides to school and events, advice on school projects, and countless acts of encouragement and support.

Linda will be remembered by all who loved her as courageous, tough, stubborn, opinionated, practical, and forever resilient. She cared deeply for those around her and, as it turns out, Linda actually did give a rat's ass.

Family will receive friends Wednesday, August 10th from 4 to 6pm at The French, Gifford, Preiter & Blasl Funeral Home, Chatham, NY. Memorials in Linda's name may be made to the Connie Maxwell Childrens Home. Condolences may be conveyed at [french-blasl.com](http://french-blasl.com).



## 'Shaking, shivering, and shoveling:' Farmers' Almanac predicts chilly Midwest winter

Kaitlyn Alanis  
The Kansas City Star

As much of the U.S. experiences what might be "its hottest summer ever," the Farmers' Almanac is predicting another extreme season -- winter.

While "frigid temperatures should flow into many areas nationwide," the long-running publication predicts it will be coldest in Midwestern states, including Kansas and Missouri, and the North Central region.

"This winter will be filled (with) plenty of shaking, shivering, and shoveling," Farmers' Almanac said in its extended 2022-2023 winter weather forecast released this month.

The publication expects people in the Great Lakes areas, Northeast and North Central states will experience a winter

that might send them into "hibernation." Specifically, Almanac staff believes some Midwest states will experience "extremely cold temperatures" — potentially as cold as minus-40 degrees — in mid-January.

But the Midwest isn't the only region that should be prepared to bundle up.

Many Eastern states will have unreasonably cold and snowy weather, the publication predicts. The Pacific Northwest is expected to see normal precipitation, but the Southwest region may see a drier-than-normal winter.

The Almanac says it has been using the same weather-predicting formula or over 200 years. Readers say it is accurate about 85% of the time, according to the publication.

## Fred Austin Dickens III

October 13, 1968 - June 30, 2022

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Fred Austin "Chip" Dickens III, aged 53, of Valatie New York. Austin was born in Ocean City, Maryland on October 13, 1968 to Fred Austin Dickens Jr. and Beverly A. Davidson. He passed away unexpectedly after a short illness, after taking a "turn for the worse" on June 30, 2022 at Albany Medical Center with the love of his life at his side, Kimberly.

He got the nickname "Chip" from his dad's friends in that they said he was a "Chip off the old block"! He was predeceased by his parents whom he missed tremendously as he gallantly was their caretaker when they were sick until each of their deaths. He was estranged from his siblings. His favorite saying was "Family isn't always blood. It's the people in your life who want you in theirs- the ones who accept you for who you are - the ones who would do anything to see you smile and love you no matter what".

Austin "Chip" leaves behind the love of his life, Kimberly, who will miss him tremendously and helped her work hard and would be so proud she graduated nursing school after his death, his beloved bunny, Jinx, and his wonderful neighbors who he thought of as his adopted "Mom & Dad" Sylvia and Bill McGarry and their daughter Karen. He adored Kimberly's children "PJ" and Veronica, whom he

loved to tease and laugh, with having no children of his own. He left behind many great friends like Mike, Winn, Jimmy, Rob and Donny to name a few. He was a former NYS Department of Corrections officer. He loved vacationing in Ocean City, "biking" the country side and took great pride in his garden and canning his proceeds as well as cooking organically.

A memorial service for Austin will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Valatie on Tuesday August 9th at 6 PM.

A gathering of friends and fellowship with food will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, if so desired, please send a contribution in his name to the First Presbyterian Church, 3312 Church Street, Valatie NY 12184. "A heart is not judged by how much you love, but by how much you are loved by others" - Oz. Condolences can be posted at [ajcunninghamfh.com](http://ajcunninghamfh.com).



## Albert Woodfox, Black Panther who spent decades in solitary confinement, dies

Adela Suliman

The Washington Post

Albert Woodfox, a former member of the Black Panther civil rights organization, known for spending almost half a century in solitary confinement in a Louisiana jail before championing prison reform, died on Thursday. He was 75.

Born in 1947 in New Orleans, Woodfox died there from complications from the coronavirus, his family said in a statement.

"With heavy hearts we write to share that our partner, brother, father, grandfather, and friend, Albert Woodfox, passed away this afternoon from complications caused by COVID-19," his family said.

"Whatever you called him - Fox, Shaka, Cinque or any of his other endearing nicknames - please know that your care and compassion sustained Albert through his remarkable 75 years, and we are eternally grateful for that."

The oldest of six siblings grew from a "leader . . . into liberator," they added, inspiring the United States to "think

more deeply about mass incarceration, prison abuse, and racial injustice."

Woodfox had been part of the "Angola Three" - a group of male inmates, including Robert King and Herman Wallace, known for their long stretches in solitary confinement at the notorious maximum-security Louisiana State Penitentiary - a former plantation using enslaved people that was turned into a prison known as Angola.

The men said they believed they were targeted for institutional cruelty because of their political beliefs after they set up a prison chapter of the Black Panther Party at Angola in 1971.

Woodfox spent 43 years and 10 months in solitary confinement and is thought to have served more time in solitary confinement than any other prisoner in U.S. history, according to his attorneys.

He told The Washington Post in an interview in 2020 it had been "a horrible experience." He said his mother and his association with the Black Panther group gave him "internal strength to endure" and

a "purpose" and "self-worth" to get through the unending isolation.

In jail, along with King, Wallace and others, he would study history and law, teach other inmates how to read and write and play games made up in cells. They also organized strikes and protests about prison conditions, racial injustice, sexual abuse in jail, work hours and clothing, he said. "We dared to resist," he said. He added, "We were very influential."

"They put me in a cell . . . for the sole purpose of breaking my spirit," he told The Post. "Our cells were meant to be death chambers. We turned them into high schools, universities, debate halls, law schools."

Woodfox was sent to jail in 1965 on an armed robbery sentence and put into solitary confinement in 1972, accused of killing prison guard Brent Miller. Woodfox consistently maintained his innocence in Miller's death, and Amnesty International and other human rights organization have long decried the case against

him as evidentially flawed.

He was freed in 2016 on his 69th birthday. King was released in 2001, and Wallace was released in 2013 and died days later of cancer.

Woodfox later published a memoir entitled "Solitary" written with his partner Leslie George in 2019 where he documented his days confined in a tiny 6-by-9-foot cell for 23 hours a day. It became a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award.

"I still had moments of bitterness and anger. But by then I had the wisdom to know that bitterness and anger are destructive," he wrote. "I was dedicated to building things, not tearing them down."

In the short part of his life spent outside jail he became an avid public speaker and champion for prison reform and racial justice, stating that he did not want his mind to remain imprisoned.

The Washington Post's KK Ottesen contributed to this report.

## Damaging tornadic waterspout barreled through parts of Smith Island

Jacob Feuerstein  
and Michael E. Ruane

The Washington Post

An unusual and intense tornadic waterspout tore through parts of Smith Island, Md., on Thursday evening, leaving behind significant damage to homes.

Videos show the lofty twister, which developed from a strong, rotating thunderstorm over the Chesapeake Bay, barreling onto an island community in the middle of the bay, surrounded by a spinning plume of water.

There were minor injuries, although no one was "badly hurt" or killed, said Ewell Fire Department President Robert Jones, according to reporting from Chesapeake Bay Magazine.

The funnel cloud "just looked like a normal water spout, but it kept on coming," said Betty Tyler, whose bed-and-breakfast was damaged in the storm. "It didn't stop when it got to land . . . tore the third floor off my building. Completely gone. Destroyed my neighbor's house. She was in the bed and that's the only room that didn't get crushed."

As she described the damage in a telephone interview Friday, Tyler said her 88-year-old neighbor appeared to be unharmed. "They got her out," Tyler said. "Her whole house crumbled around her," she said. "It's just a pile of rubble."

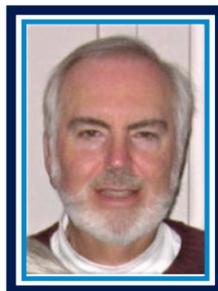
Tyler said neither she nor any guests were in the bed-and-breakfast when the waterspout struck. She said the damage extended along the path of the waterspout.



TIFFANIE WOUTILA

Tornado damage on Smith Island, Md.

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### YARD SALE

**MEDUSA** — The United Methodist Church, Route 351, Medusa, will hold a yard sale 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 6. Food will be available at the Medusa Fire House.

### TAG SALE/CHICKEN BARBECUE

**ELIZAVILLE** — The Elizaville United Methodist Church, County Route 2 and 19, Elizaville, will hold a Tag Sale and Take-Out Chicken Barbecue Aug. 6. The Tag Sale will run 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The take-out barbecue starts at noon, first come, first served. Side orders of salads will also be available. For information, call 845-663-8673 or 845-756-2338. On the day of the event, call the Church Hall at 845-756-5602.

### CHICKEN BARBECUES

**GREENPORT** — Mt. Pleasant Reformed Church, 33 Church Road, Greenport, will serve a chicken and ribs barbecue 4-6:30 p.m. Aug. 6 take out only. Each dinner will include chicken or ribs, baked potato, coleslaw, roll with butter, beverage and dessert. Chicken dinners, \$15; rib dinners, \$16. If you wish to reserve a meal, call Nancy at 518-721-8173 or Mt. Pleasant at 518-828-6540. Tell us the number of each type of dinner you wish to purchase.

**SCHODACK LANDING** — The Reformed Dutch Church of Schodack at Muitzeskill, 902 Schodack Landing Road, Schodack Landing, announces the annual chicken barbecue will be held 4-6 p.m. Aug. 13, take out only, drive through pick up. The menu includes chicken, corn on the cob, potato salad, cabbage salad and watermelon. Adults, \$15; children 6-12, \$7.50. Reserve by calling 518-732-7345. If no answer, leave a message including name, number and that you are calling regarding the barbecue. You will receive a call back.

**VALATIE** — The First Presbyterian Church, 3212 Church St., Valatie, will host a

Drive Thru Bernie's Blue Line Chicken Barbecue 4-7 p.m. Aug. 26. The menu includes a half chicken, salt potatoes with Tuscan herb butter, coleslaw, 2 mini cornbread muffins and cookies. Tickets are \$15. Advance tickets are strongly recommended. For tickets, call 518-929-5744.

### HEALING LITURGY

**LOUDONVILLE** — Christ Our Light RC Church, 1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, Healing Liturgy, Aug. 10. Prayer and Praise, 7 p.m.; Liturgy with Healing Prayer to follow 7:30 p.m. There will be individual prayer teams available after Mass. For information about the Charismatic Renewal, AlbanyCCR.org.

### TRI-COUNTY LUTHERAN PARISH

**VALATIE** — The member churches of the Tri-County Lutheran Parish will be sharing worship during August. Congregants are invited to bring lawn chairs.

**Rensselaer County:** Worship at 10 a.m. Aug. 14, rain or shine, at Schodack Town Park Pavilion, 512 Poyneer Road, Schodack.

**Greene County:** Worship at 9 a.m. Aug. 21, rain or shine, at Athens Riverfront Park, 1 South Water St., directly off Second Street, Athens.

**Columbia County:** Worship at 10 a.m. Aug. 21 at The Kinderhook Village Square, 1 Hudson St. and Albany Avenue, Kinderhook. Rain location will be St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 1010 Kinderhook St., Kinderhook.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**KINDERHOOK** — The Kinderhook Reformed Church, 21 Broad St., Kinderhook, will hold Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m.-noon Aug. 22 through Aug. 26 for ages 4 through grade 6. Celebrate with us God's Greatness with the backdrop of the Southwest in MONUMENTAL. Advance registration is required and can be made by calling 518-758-6401, The Crossed Owl for registration forms or online registration forms at [kinderhookreformedchurch.com](http://kinderhookreformedchurch.com).

### CONCERT

**COPAKE FALLS** — Winds in the Wilderness Concert featuring Sharon Powers, flute; Judith Dansker, oboe; Ronald Gorevic violin, viola;

Pete Toigo, bass; John Myers, guitar and guest Allan Dean, trumpet at 3 p.m. Aug. 28 at Church of St. John in the Wilderness, 344 Route 261, Copake Falls. Outdoors, indoors if raining. Current Covid regulations will be observed. Recommended donation of \$15, children and students free. Reception following concert to meet artists and friends.

### FOOD PACKING

**KINDERHOOK** — The Kinderhook Reformed Church will sponsor a Rise Against Hunger food packing event 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (Packers 1-3 p.m.) Sept. 17 at Martin H. Glynn, 3211 Church St., Valatie. To volunteer or donate, call 518-758-6401 or [kinderhookreformedchurch.com](http://kinderhookreformedchurch.com) for details. Rise Against Hunger's meal packaging program is a volunteer-based initiative that coordinates the assembly-line packaging of highly nutritious dehydrated meals to support feeding programs in developing countries.

### DAY OF REFLECTION AND PRAYER

**LOUDONVILLE** — Christ Our Light RC Church, 1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, offers a Day of Reflection and Prayer Meeting On Oct. 1. Guest speaker will be Dr. Joy Galarnau, professor of Contemporary systematic Theology. Admittance and registration check in begins at 8:30 a.m. Presentation, lunch and prayer meeting from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Bring a bag lunch, refreshments will be provided. Offering, \$20. Participants are asked to bring Bible. Pre-registration is a must. All payment instructions are posted at [www.AlbanyCCR.org](http://www.AlbanyCCR.org). Deadline for registration is Sept. 27. For information, contact Diane S. at 518-663-5125 or Jack E. at 518-334-6503.

### SOUP KITCHEN OPEN

**CATSKILL** — The Camp Grace Inc. Soup Kitchen, located at the First Reformed Church of Catskill, 310 Main St., Catskill, is open noon-1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For information, call Director Lamont Taylor at 518-249-7009.

### EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**STUYVESANT FALLS** — Emanuel Lutheran Church is located at the junction of US

Route 9 and County Route 46 in Stuyvesant Falls. Church services are at 8:30 a.m. Sunday and all are welcome and invited.

### ST. MARK'S SECOND EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**HUDSON** — St. Mark's Second Evangelical Lutheran Church, 8 Storm Ave., Hudson, worships 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month with Pastor Stan Webster. Child care is offered during the service and Sunday school after the service ends. Easter Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For information, call the Church office at 518-828-9514.

### ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**STUYVESANT** — St. John's Lutheran Church, 159 Route 26A, Stuyvesant, has in-person and live online worship services at 10:15 a.m. Sunday. Sunday School is at 9 a.m. for children 3 and older. Face masks are optional if you are more comfortable wearing one, please do so. Social distancing is still in effect. The live broadcasts are on [www.facebook.com/St-Johns-Lutheran](http://www.facebook.com/St-Johns-Lutheran).

### LUTHERAN PARISH OF SOUTHERN COLUMBIA COUNTY

**GERMANTOWN** — Lutheran Parish of Southern Columbia County has updated its worship schedule. St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Churchtown worships at 11 a.m. in August; changes to 9 a.m. on Sept. 11. Christ Lutheran Church, Germantown (Viewmont), 9 a.m. Sept. 4 then 11 a.m. beginning Sept. 11. St. John Lutheran Church, Elizaville (Manorton) worships at 9 a.m. in August then changes 11 a.m. in October.

### CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL

**HUDSON** — Christ Church Episcopal, 431 Union St., Hudson, worships at 9 a.m. Sundays in person and online. Masks are optional. Live broadcast on [Facebook.com/ChristChurchEpiscopalHudson](http://Facebook.com/ChristChurchEpiscopalHudson), or [christchurchepiscopalhudson.org](http://christchurchepiscopalhudson.org). Midweek Eucharist at 12:15 p.m. Wednesdays in the church, join us for a quiet and uplifting service with anointing and prayers. Office hours and Emergency Food Shelf 9 a.m.-noon weekdays. For information, call 518-828-1329 or email [christchurch1802@gmail.com](mailto:christchurch1802@gmail.com).

### SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**KINDERHOOK** — St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 8 Sylvester St., Kinderhook, Holy Communion in person at 8 and 10 a.m. Sundays. Face masks and distancing required regardless of vaccination status. For information and news, [www.saintpaulskinderhook.org/](http://www.saintpaulskinderhook.org/) or follow us on Facebook. Subscribe to our newsletter: <http://eepurl.com/cG4YSv>; 518-758-6271 or [saintpaulskinderhook@gmail.com](mailto:saintpaulskinderhook@gmail.com). Office open 1:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and by appointment.

### KINDERHOOK REFORMED CHURCH

**KINDERHOOK** — The Kinderhook Reformed Church, 21 Broad St., Kinderhook, will have in person and live online Sunday worship include Sunday 8:45 a.m. prayer group 1; 9:30 a.m. worship and youth Sunday school; 10:30 a.m. coffee hour; and 11 a.m. prayer group 2. Weekly Bible studies available. Live broadcast on <http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCTUNikeMHshkf-mqHM-NxCw> or

[www.facebook.com/KinderhookReformedChurch](http://www.facebook.com/KinderhookReformedChurch). For information, call 518-758-6401 or [kinderhookreformedchurch.com](http://kinderhookreformedchurch.com).

### CLAVERACK REFORMED DUTCH CHURCH

**CLAVERACK** — The Reformed Dutch Church, 88 Route 9H, Claverack, worships at 9:30 a.m. Sundays in the sanctuary. For information, call 518-851-3811.

### GHENT REFORMED CHURCH

**WEST GHENT** — The Ghent Reformed Church, 1039 County Route 22, West Ghent, worships at 9 a.m. Sundays. Sunday School begins at 10:15 a.m. Sunday for pre-school to middle school aged children. In accordance with the New York state mandate, masks will be required. Cleaning is as diligent as always. Coffee time follows worship.

### REFORMED CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN/MT. PLEASANT REFORMED CHURCH

**GERMANTOWN** — The congregations of the Reformed Church of Germantown and the Mt. Pleasant Reformed Church announce the worship schedule for the summer months. The Germantown congregation meets at 9 a.m. for the morning service and the Mt. Pleasant congregation at 10:30 a.m. The Bible Study Group will resume in the fall. On Aug. 6, Mt. Pleasant will be offering a chicken and ribs barbecue from 4-7 p.m. Meals are take-out only. The Germantown church is located on Church Avenue in Germantown and the Mt. Pleasant Church is located on 33 Church Road in lower Greenport.

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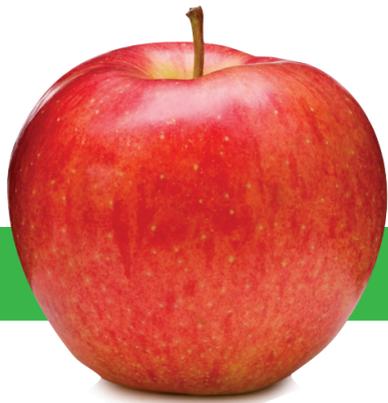
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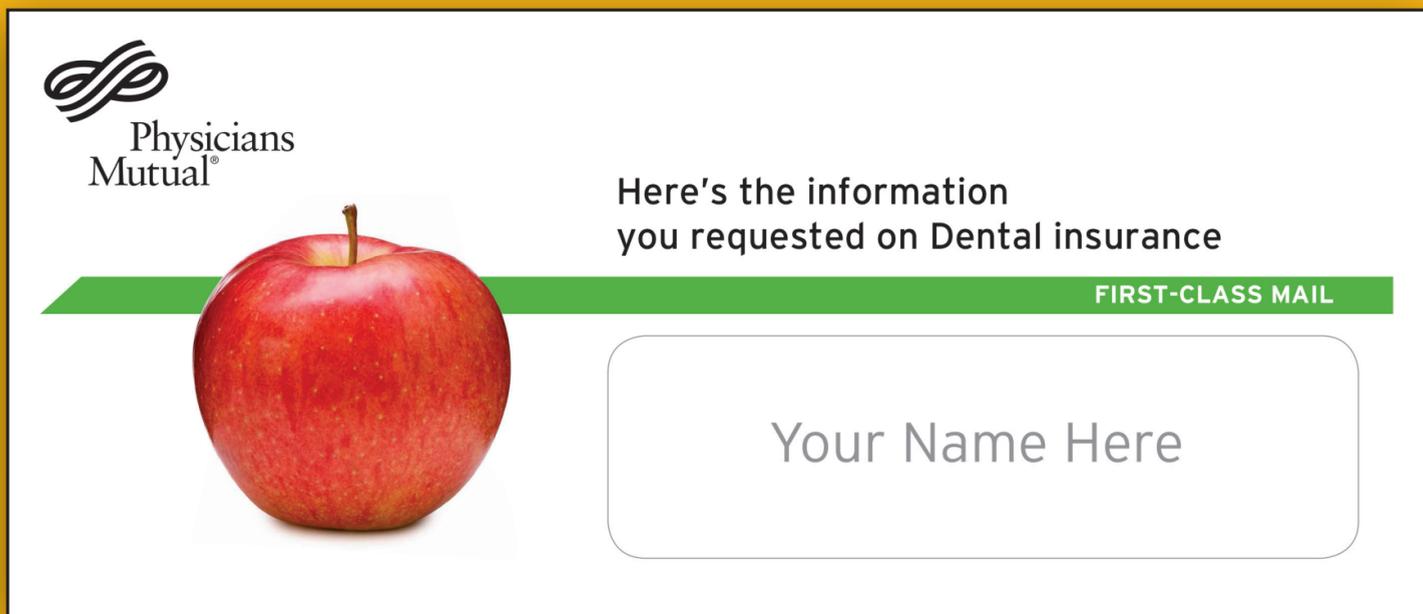
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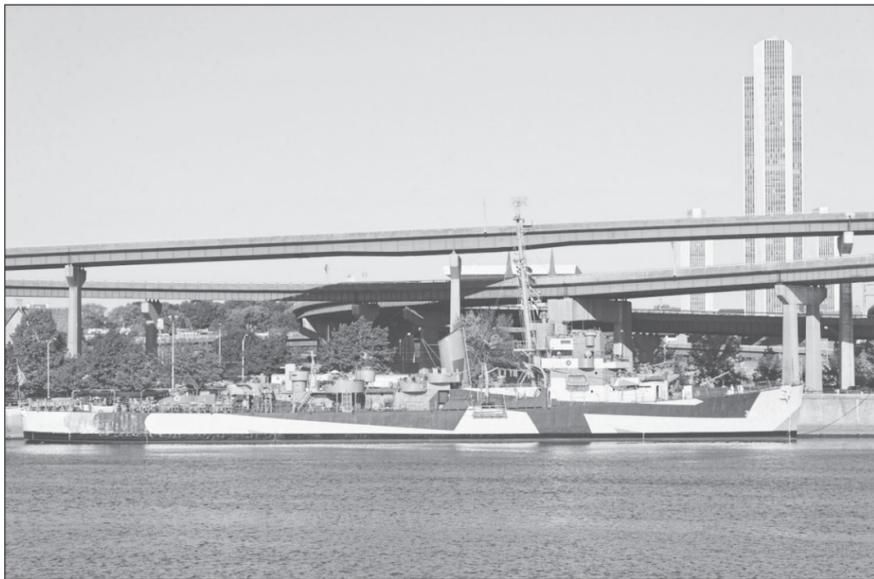
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Join the United States Coast Guard and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary in celebrating the U.S. Coast Guard's 232nd birthday at 10 a.m. Aug. 6 aboard USS SLATER. The Coast Guard's actual birthday is Aug. 4, though we are waiting until Saturday to celebrate, with the hopes that more people will join us. Both Thursday the 4th and Saturday the 6th all Coast Guard Veterans can tour USS SLATER with no admission fee. During WWII Coast Guardsmen manned hundreds of Navy and Army vessels including 30 Destroyer Escorts. Coast Guard-manned ships hunted enemy submarines, protected convoys to Europe, delivered troops and supplies to the various theaters of the war, and operated landing craft which delivered troops to the invasion beaches. Coast Guard cutters and destroyer escorts played a pivotal role fighting Nazi U-Boats in the Battle of the Atlantic. Following the war, during the 1950s, destroyer escorts were once again called into Coast Guard service to serve as weather ships. The SLATER volunteer crew includes a strong Coast Guard contingent, dedicated to preserving a piece of American history. Admission is charged for tours of USS SLATER. Adults, \$10; seniors, \$9; children, \$8; and children under 5 years old are admitted for free. USS SLATER, the last Destroyer Escort afloat in America, is open to the public for her 25th season in Albany. Guided tours start every 30 minutes. No reservations are required, and tickets are sold at the door. USS SLATER is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday through Nov. 27. The ship is located in Downtown Albany at the intersection of Broadway and Quay Street.

## Proctors Collaborative featuring the next batch of shows in August

SCHENECTADY — Proctors Collaborative is excited to feature the next block of upcoming shows coming to Schenectady and Saratoga Springs. Tickets are available through the Box Office at Proctors, in person or via phone at 518-346-6204, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday or online at either Proctors.org or UniversalPreservationHall.org. Groups of 10 or more can get their tickets by calling 518-382-3884, ext. 139.

Coming to Proctors, Schenectady:

Tyler Henry—the Hollywood Medium 8 p.m. Aug. 20, MainStage at Proctors. Medium Tyler Henry, star of the Netflix series *Life After Death* with Tyler Henry and *E!* Entertainment's mega-hit television show *Hollywood Medium* with Tyler Henry, continues his sold-out national Live Show tour across the country. During his life-changing live show *An Evening of Hope and Healing* Tyler explains how he communicates with the other side, gives live audience readings and answers audience questions. Tyler's incredibly accurate, personal live readings of audience members often bring everyone to tears, giving them proof, hope and understanding that "Our loved ones never really leave us."

BTTUNY presents *Flyin'* West 7:30 p.m. Aug. 25 through Aug. 27 and 4 p.m. Aug. 28, GE Theatre at Proctors. The women of *Flyin'* West are facing many problems, ranging from the inevitability of long, cold winters and the possibility of domestic violence, to the continuing specter of racial conflict. These women include Miss Leah, the old woman whose memories of slavery

and its aftermath comprise a living oral history. Sophie Washington, whose determination to protect her land and those she loves puts to rest forever the requirement that western archetypes be white and male. Fannie Mae Dove, the gentle sister, trying to civilize the frontier with *Fine China* and roses, who finds herself falling in love with their soft-spoken neighbor, Will Parish. And Minnie Dove Charles, the headstrong baby sister whose husband, Frank, introduces a danger into the household that tests their sisterhood in unexpected ways.

Boyz II Men 8 p.m. Aug. 27, MainStage at Proctors. Boyz II Men — originally made up of Michael McCary, Nathan Morris, Wayne Morris and Shawn Stockman — are an R&B vocal group from America, who found fame during the 1990s with Motown Records. Their style of music includes emotional ballads and acapella styles and they are currently the best-selling R&B group of all time, selling over 64 million albums.

It Came from Schenectady Film Series

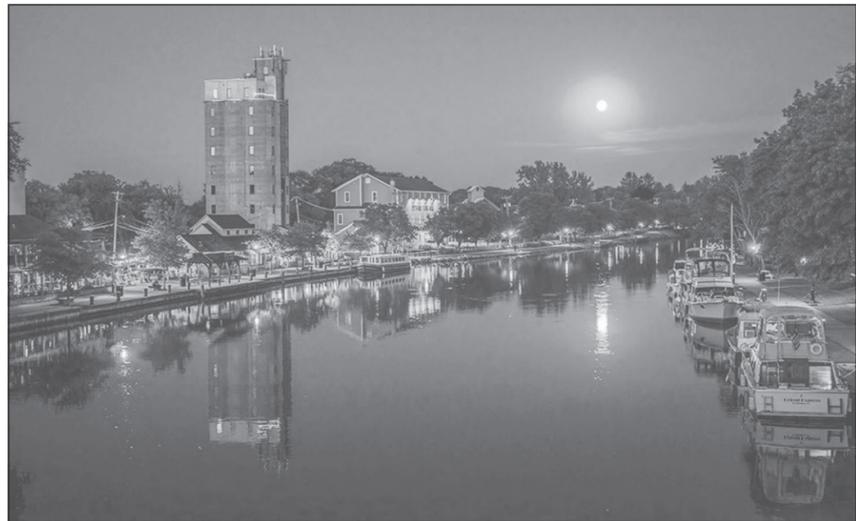
It Came from Schenectady (ICFS), showings run Thursdays at 7 p.m. through Sept. 15 at Proctors with the exception of one matinee showing on Aug. 11. As with previous ICFS events, prizes, surprises, a convenient bar and comfy sofas are expected: 2 and 7 p.m. Aug. 11 at The Addy—*Cosplay Universe*; 7 p.m. Aug. 18 at the GE Theatre—*Monty Python and the Holy Grail*; 7 p.m. Aug. 25 at The Addy—*The Harder They Come*.

Coming to Universal Preservation Hall, Saratoga Springs: Country Thunder: Country

Legends Tribute 7:30 p.m. Aug. 20, Great Hall at UPH. Country Legends Tribute Tour is now firmly established as North America's #1 Country Music Tribute show featuring the music of the biggest names on the American scene including Garth Brooks, Shania Twain and Keith Urban. The show includes well-known musicians hand-picked by the impersonators who between them have a wealth of experience and glittering careers that span over 30 years. Each singer will perform a string of hits from the featured artist, complete with authentic costume changes. To add the finishing touches to what will be a great show that has sold out several theatres on the tour, there will be a grand finale where the artists come on stage together for a number.

The Final Roundup: Doc Severinsen's Last Show presented by Caffe Lena 8 p.m. Aug. 27, Great Hall at UPH. Grammy Award-winner Doc Severinsen has been celebrated as America's favorite trumpet player for more than half a century. Welcomed into living rooms for three decades as the leader of The Tonight Show Orchestra, (with host Johnny Carson hailing him as 'the greatest trumpet player in the world,') his impeccable musicianship and charismatic presence still dazzles. At 95 years old with an amazing career of music behind him, Doc will be taking his final bow as he performs his last concert. Presented by Caffe Lena, this show will be a special celebration of Doc's iconic life and music.

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Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor is calling for entries for its 17th annual Erie Canalway Photo Contest. Images should convey people enjoying activities on the waterway and Canalway Trail or show the unique character of New York's canals and canal communities. Entries must be postmarked by Aug. 26. Winning photos will be featured in the 2023 Erie Canalway calendar. Images will be judged in four contest categories: On the Water, Along the Trail, Canal Communities, and Classic Canal. Judges will select first, second and third place winning images in each category, as well as 12 honorable mentions. Submitted images must be horizontal format and taken within the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor, which spans 524 miles across the full expanse of upstate New York. It encompasses the Erie, Cayuga-Seneca, Oswego and Champlain canals and their historic alignments, as well as more than 230 canal communities. Download official contest rules and an entry form at <https://eriecanalway.org/get-involved/photo-contest>.

## Hudson Highlands Nature Museum to host two open houses

CORNWALL — The Hudson Highlands Nature Museum is hosting two Open Houses in August, first for the Young Naturalist Preschool on Aug. 11 and then for the new Backpack Naturalist Afterschool Program on Aug. 18. Both Open Houses will run from 4-6 p.m. and will take place at the Nature Museum's Outdoor Discovery Center located at 120 Muser Drive, off of Angola Road in Cornwall.

Nearing its third decade, the Young Naturalist Preschool is a unique program that offers three- and four-year-olds the opportunity to interact with other students and with nature in a hands-on and exciting way. Young Naturalists learn skills for school and beyond by exploring, experimenting, and discovering the world around them. HHNM's Young Naturalist Preschool program emphasizes science and nature-based activities, outdoor experiences, social skills and preparation for kindergarten utilizing the resources of the Nature Museum. Prospective families can come and visit the classrooms, view the natural amenities and speak with the teachers about this popular program 4-6 p.m. Aug. 11.



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Backpack Naturalist is a special new afterschool program at the Outdoor Discovery Center designed for children in grades K-2 to explore the forests, fields and ponds of the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum led by Nature Educators. Perfect for working or busy parents & caretakers,

Backpack Naturalist students can register 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 days a week and will meet 3:45-5:34 p.m. September 2022 through June

2023. The program includes school bus transportation to HHNM from all Cornwall Elementary Schools, hands-on collaborative learning, outdoor free play, nature activities, homework/quiet indoor time, snack time and a one year HHNM Family Plus Membership. Interested families can come visit the classroom and natural play areas and talk with the staff about this exciting new program 4-6 p.m. Aug. 18.

## Lake exploration planned for Olana State Historic Site on Aug. 13

HUDSON — Take a closer look at Olana's man-made lake with the Columbia Land Conservancy. Together, we'll use the Stream and Pond Backpacks to learn about the insects living below the lake's surface and what they can tell us about water quality.

The event is scheduled 1-2 p.m. Aug. 13 at Olana. Participants should register through Olana's website, and visit the CLC website for a discount code.

Each Environmentalists on Olana event is designed to allow participants to explore Olana State Historic Site through a diverse set of topics and viewpoints and consider Olana's history and current legacy through the intersections of art and environmentalism. During this series, regional environmentalists, activists, agriculturalists, and ecological stewards

lead walking tours of Olana—engaging participants in the work of their organizations and providing new insights into Olana's 250 acres. By connecting their expertise with Olana's physical landscape and viewshed, each visiting environmentalist will give a deeper understanding of Olana as not only an artist-designed landscape but a resource for immersive explorations in our contemporary environment and appreciation of the natural world. More information on the Environmentalists on Olana series can be found at [olana.org/environmentalists](http://olana.org/environmentalists).

The Stream and Pond Backpacks are part of a series of five themed packs available for checkout from your local library.

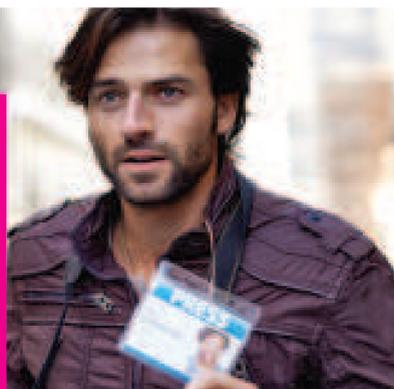
Themes include Insects, Streams and Ponds, Birding, Night Sky, and Take a Hike.

The 11 participating libraries around the county include the Chatham Public Library, Claverack Library, German-town Library, Hudson Area Library, Kinderhook Memorial Library, Livingston Free Library, New Lebanon Library, North Chatham Free Library, Philmont Library, Roeliff Jansen Community Library, and the Valatie Free Library.

Learn more about this and other programs taking place at [clctrust.org/events](http://clctrust.org/events).

This project is supported with funding from the New York State Conservation Partnership Program (NYSCPP) and New York's Environmental Protection Fund. The NYSCPP is administered by the Land Trust Alliance, in coordination with the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

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**AUG. 6**

**ELIZAVILLE** — The Elizaville United Methodist Church, County Route 2 and 19, Elizaville, will hold a Tag Sale and Take-Out Chicken Barbecue Aug. 6. The Tag Sale will run 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The Take-Out barbecue starts at noon, first come, first served. Side orders of salads will also be available. For information, call 845-663-8673 or 845-756-2338. On the day of the event, call the Church Hall at 845-756-5602.

**HUDSON** — FASNYS Museum of Firefighting, 117 Harry Howard Ave., Hudson, will be holding a free in-person Community Day at the Museum, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 6. Come celebrate a birthday, an anniversary and the diverse community on this special day. There will be a thrilling demo by the Owego Hose Team; a barbershop quartet will serenade the crowd; an agility demo by Molly the Museum Dog; fun games with prizes for all ages; history Hunt throughout the Museum; tours and talks about the new exhibits celebrating Harry Howard's 200th birthday and FASNYS' 150th anniversary. All activities are free and free admission to the Museum will also be offered during the event.

**GREENPORT** — Mt. Pleasant Reformed Church, 33 Church Road, Greenport, will serve a chicken and ribs barbecue 4-6:30 p.m. Aug. 6 take out only. Each dinner will include chicken or ribs, baked potato, coleslaw, roll with butter, beverage and dessert. Chicken dinners, \$15; rib dinners, \$16. If you wish to reserve a meal, call Nancy at 518-721-8173 or Mt. Pleasant at 518-828-6540. Tell us the number of each type of dinner you wish to purchase.

**HILLSDALE** — The Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Route 22, Hillsdale, presents the Summer Reading Finale: Storycrafters: Making Waves 1-2 p.m. Aug. 6. Kids of all ages are welcome to join the Roe Jan Library's celebration of the end of summer and all of our fantastic reading well done with a storytime performance by Storycrafters.

In keeping with this year's summer reading theme, Oceans of Possibility, this year's story theme is "Making Waves." For information on hours and events, call 518-325-4101 or visit <http://www.roejanlibrary.org>.

**KINGSTON** — Bon-odori Dance Festival for Peace will be held noon-8 p.m. Aug. 6 at T.R. Gallo Park, 1 Broadway, Kingston, rain site will be Andy Murphy Midtown Center, 467 Broadway, Kingston.

The 12th Annual Bon-odori Dance Festival for Peace is being held to protest nuclear weapons, energy and the radioactive environment and to commemorate the victims of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki as well as the nuclear power plant meltdown disaster of Chernobyl and Fukushima. Admission is free.

**AUG. 7**

**SELKIRK** — Bethlehem Grange 137, 24 Bridge St., Selkirk, will be holding Puzzle Parties 1-4 p.m. Aug. 7 and Sept. 25; 6-8 p.m. Aug. 23 and Sept. 13. The Grange members have puzzles set up on tables and the public is invited to join in and piece them together. Attend all sessions or just a few. Meet new people and enjoy some refreshments. We have a few uses for glued-together agricultural themed puzzles and we would like to invite you to join us in the process of putting them together and gluing them. We are handicap accessible and air conditioned. All ages are invited. If you have any puzzles you would like to donate to the cause, we would certainly appreciate it. Call or text Jackie Schrom at

518-810-6031 or [schrom.jackie@yahoo.com](mailto:schrom.jackie@yahoo.com) if you have any questions and to let her know you're joining us.

**STAATSBURG** — This summer, Staatsburgh State Historic Site, 75 Mills Mansion Drive, Staatsburgh, is offering guided landscape walks on the Gilded Age estate's beautiful grounds overlooking the Hudson River. The tour, "What You See... and What You Don't See," shows how Staatsburgh's landscape architect designed a glorious setting that showcased the good life in the Gilded Age, while deliberately using landscape elements to hide the technology and labor that made a turn-of-the-century estate run.

Using historic photos of the grounds, the tour will reveal what visitors would have seen at the turn of the 20th century, but also step behind the curtain to show what was hidden from them. The tour will be offered at 10 a.m. Aug. 7, 21 and 27. The cost is \$5 per person. Advance reservations are encouraged. To make reservations, visit [www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS](http://www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS). Mansion tours can also be reserved at [www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS](http://www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS) (site admission charged on arrival). The tour will cover about one mile of mostly level terrain, with some uphill walking. The program, including the walk, discussion and looking at historic photographs, will take about 1 and a half hours. The event will be canceled in the event of heavy rain or excessive heat.

**AUG. 9**

**CLAVERRACK** — The Claverack and Philmont Libraries present a Hoedown at 6 p.m. Aug. 9 at the Claverack Town Park, 91 Church St., Mellenville. Join us in an age-old tradition of a hoedown with live lively fiddle music. Enjoy a fun evening of circle left, do-si-do and swing. Sit and listen, tap your toes, or join in the easy dancing. Live music by Peter, Paul & George, with Patricia. For information, [www.claveracklibrary.org](http://www.claveracklibrary.org).

**AUG. 11**

**CASTLETON** — The Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties Board of Cooperative Educational Services will meet at 6 p.m. Aug. 11 in-person in the Administrative Building Conference Center, 10 Empire State Drive, Castleton.

This meeting will allow virtual attendance for any public and administrators wishing to join via the Zoom link provided on the Questar III Board webpage at <https://www.questar.org/about/board-of-education/meeting-agendas-minutes/>.

**AUG. 13**

**STAATSBURG** — Follow Staatsburgh staff outside the estate walls for a free guided walking tour of the hamlet of Staatsburgh. Staatsburgh Village Walking Tour will be offered at 10 a.m. Aug. 13 and Aug. 20.

This program is free, but reservations are required and can be made online at [www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS](http://www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS). The 90-minute walk through the

center of Staatsburgh will begin at St. Margaret's Church and follow a circuit through the hamlet for about a mile. Parking is available at St. Margaret's Church and along East Elm Avenue.

The tour will be mostly level terrain, with some uphill walking. Wear comfortable shoes, a hat for sun and bring water. The tour will visit several historic locations — including long forgotten factories, bustling downtown hotels, and medieval-style memorials.

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## Crash

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caused the wood chipper to separate from the truck and overturn in the middle of the road.

The wood chipper leaked diesel and hydraulic fluids. The truck came to rest partially in a ditch and the car came to rest completely off the road.

Columbia County 911 sent Lebanon Valley Fire Company and Chatham Rescue Squad to the scene.

Fire officials requested that Department of Environmental Conservation respond because of the fluid leak.

Paramedics evaluated both drivers at the scene and both refused medical treatment.

Debris from both vehicles littered both roads, which were closed to traffic while crews worked.

The car and truck were both towed from the scene. State police investigated.

Firefighters were on the scene for nearly 2 1/2 hours, returning to service at 3:01 p.m.

New York became the first state to ban handheld cell phone use while driving, when the new law was implemented Nov. 1, 2001.

New York's statewide distracted driving law states: "All drivers must use hands-free devices when talking on cell phones. Text messaging, game playing, and similar usage of handheld electronic devices is prohibited for all drivers. Viewing, taking, or transmitting images is prohibited for all drivers."

Twenty-four states and Washington, D.C., now ban handheld cellphone use while driving. Forty-eight

states and the District of Columbia banned texting while driving for all drivers.

A conviction for cell phone use of any kind while driving in New York State comes with a penalty of \$50 to \$150 for the first offense, between \$50 and \$200 for the second offense, if within 18 months, and between \$50 and \$400 for a third offense, within 18 months. The driver will also be required to pay an additional surcharge of either \$88 or \$93 depending on where the violation occurred, according to New York State Department of Motor Vehicles.



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**A wood chipper overturned, after it was separated from a truck, during a collision with a car in New Lebanon on Thursday.**

## Drive-in

From A1

and production on new films stopped. Suddenly, the mall theaters were off-limits and the only safe place to go to the movies was the local drive-in. A new documentary, "Back to the Drive-in," directed by April Wright, charts the unsteady course of these outdoor emporiums from the perspective of 11 very different drive-ins in eight states, including the Greenville Drive-in. Wright tracks the drive-in business from the preparations before customers arrive, to selling tickets, opening the snack bar and getting the movie on the giant screen. Through an odd confluence of circumstances, drive-in theaters are thriving and struggling.

Wright, who will admit only to being "over 30," grew up in Chicago and remembers the thrill of seeing B-movies such as "Orca, the Killer Whale"

(with Bo Derek) and "Grizzly," about a giant man-eating bear devouring unlucky campers. She scouted as many drive-ins as she could to prepare for her new film.

"There are diverse types of drive-ins," Wright said. "Some have been around since the 1940s; others were built only three weeks ago. Some have seven screens; some have one big screen and no more."

The Greenville Drive-In was chosen because, as Wright discovered, "it brought the drive-in back to life." It offers unique gourmet foods as well as the staples of burgers, pizza and popcorn—and it has a bar.

"Greenville is always doing something special," Wright said. "Some drive-ins will play some independent pictures, but with Greenville it's a regular thing. They helped host the Woodstock Film Festival during the pandemic and it's back this year."

Dwight Grimm, who co-owns the Greenville Drive-In with Leigh Van Swall, has known Wright since 2015 when

he hosted her first film "Going Attractions: The Definitive Story of the American Drive-In Movie." This acquaintance reunited Wright and Grimm six years later.

"I believe her interest in us has to do with the fact that we represent one of the newer operators and that we deliberately chose a different model from the majority of the other traditional drive-in theaters," Grimm said Wednesday. "The Greenville Drive-In had to try something new," Wright added.

Drive-ins are a rare treat these days. In the late 1950s when the theaters were at the peak of their drawing power, there were more than 4,000 drive-ins in the United States. Their number has declined until today, where there are about 300 left, according to Comscore. The plot twist is that drive-ins are ideal for an age of social distancing and are worthy challengers to streaming.

"Back to the Drive-In" will be shown in Greenville on Sept. 10, two days after a special screening of the film at the Eastman



Beth Schneck Photography

**The Greenville Drive-In hosts many private events, one reason it was selected for the new documentary "Back to the Drive-In," directed by April Wright.**

Museum in Rochester. Grimm and Van Swall were invited to the screening to participate in a Q&A session.

"We hope that the somewhat prestigious nature of that venue and event will generate some

interest locally," Grimm said.

What does the future hold for the drive-in theater? Grimm offered an answer.

"Outdoor storytelling is a primal human endeavor," he said. "We've been telling each other

stories under the stars since the beginning of time, so in some fashion or another that will continue. People will continue to watch movies outdoors and there will be businesses to serve that demand."

## Fire

From A1

thank-you message on social media following the fire: "Ghent Wood Products and the Meltz Family sincerely thanks the heroism and quick response of our dedicated and loyal volunteer fire departments. Your quick actions resulted in quickly containing the fire in one of the kilns."

They also thanked their

employees, who assisted on Thursday: Nick Tipple, Tom Butts, Leonard Winters, Glenn Miller, Trevor Otty, Erik Hanson and T.J. Kenny.

Fire departments who assisted West Ghent at the scene included Ghent, Stottville, Stuyvesant, Greenport and Stockport.

Also assisting at the scene were Greenport Rescue Squad and Columbia County Fire Coordinator's Office.

All fire companies were back in service at 7:31 p.m.



Bill Williams/Columbia-Greene Media

**Six fire companies were at Ghent Wood Products on Thursday night, after a kiln caught fire.**



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# The U.S. climate bill could make now the best time to go solar

Todd Woody  
Bloomberg

If signed into law as written, the climate bill before Congress would change the calculus for American households thinking about going solar. The legislation stands to make that transition more affordable while also subsidizing purchases of electric cars, heat pumps, high-tech water heaters and battery-storage systems - clean-energy upgrades that will spur more household demand for electricity. There are so many incentives to install solar that the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 might be more aptly titled the "Electrify Your Life Act."

"As your costs for electricity go up, the reason to go solar will become even stronger," said Vikram Aggarwal, founder and chief executive of EnergySage, a Boston-based company that operates an online solar marketplace for consumers.

The climate bill, a surprise agreement between Sens. Joe Manchin and Chuck Schumer, would restore a 30% tax credit for residential solar systems - making it applicable to panels installed in 2022 - and extend the program to Jan. 1, 2034. Leased or purchased battery storage systems would likewise qualify for a 30% credit, which can also be taken in 2023 for homeowners who buy batteries.

"There's no question in my mind that all these incentives will make the difference for consumers on the fence about solar, accelerating access to the technology for Americans across the country," said Suzanne Leta, senior director and head of policy and strategy at residential solar company SunPower Corp. "Especially those that are low to moderate income."

Since its inception in 2006, the solar tax credit has repeatedly expired and been revived, often at the eleventh hour. For 2022, the tax credit fell to 26% and had been set to decline to 22% next year before ending in 2024. Considered altogether, the climate bill's consumer incentives are also mutually reinforcing. Electrifying a home with solar energy that's used to charge an EV eliminates fossil fuel costs as well as greenhouse gas emissions. Battery systems let homeowners store excess solar energy generated during the day and tap it at night to avoid high utility electricity rates. (Batteries also help keep the lights and internet on during increasing climate-driven blackouts due to extreme weather.)

Depending on local utility rates, electric cars



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**A worker installs solar panels on the roof of a home in Lafayette, Calif., on May 15, 2018.**

and home electrification could also significantly reduce the payback period for solar panels thanks to savings on electricity costs, according to energy experts. Once homeowners do recoup their investment in a solar system, the electricity it generates would essentially be free outside of maintenance and service fees charged by a utility to connect to the power grid.

"I would absolutely expect the payback time to improve," said Sachu Constantine, executive director of Vote Solar, an Oakland, California-based nonprofit that advocates for state clean energy policies. "EV charging alone accelerates payback ... and when we also consider building and appliance electrification, I see no reason why the same effect wouldn't hold."

Calculating solar payback times is complicated. Among other things, the time frame for recovering your investment depends on local utility rates and the price your power company pays for the solar electricity you supply and any surcharges

for connecting a solar system to the grid. Another important factor is whether your rooftop system is correctly sized to match your home's power demand, especially if you plan to both electrify your house and acquire electric cars.

The math is further muddled by inflation, tariffs, supply chain snarls and labor costs that have for the first time resulted in an increase in the cost of generating solar electricity, after two decades of dramatic declines. The median cost per watt of a solar system in the US rose 3.4% between the second half of 2021 and the first half of 2022, according to a forthcoming report from EnergySage.

Still, solar return-on-investment calculators can give a rough estimate of the payback period. For instance, I live in a temperate area with high utility rates but use too little electricity to justify the expense of installing solar panels. If I added an electric car, heat pumps and other appliances to the mix, however, the estimated payback period for a \$30,000 solar system to power all those

devices would be around four years with the current 26% tax credit.

"Solar becomes more valuable when paired with technologies like these," said Aggarwal.

The Inflation Reduction Act will make many of those technologies cheaper, too. Rebates for home electrification include up to \$8,000 for a heat pump, which could cover about a third of the cost of some systems that heat and cool homes. The rebate of up to \$1,750 for heat pump water heaters would cover the entire cost of several models. The \$840 rebate for induction stoves would pay about two-thirds of the cost of many high-efficiency cook tops. There's also a \$4,000 rebate to upgrade a home's electrical system, often necessary before solar and battery storage systems can be installed.

Households earning up to 150% of the median income in their area can claim a maximum of \$14,000 in total rebates through Sept. 30, 2031. That means, for example, a family earning up to \$105,150 in Macon, Georgia or \$226,650 in San Francisco would qualify for the home electrification program.

John Berger, chief executive officer of residential solar company Sunnova Energy International Inc., said he expects a potential bump of the solar tax credit to 30% would initially have a marginal impact on homeowners' willingness to convert. "What's driving consumers right now is power prices doubling and tripling and gasoline doing the same thing," he said, adding that Sunnova customers are buying solar-and-battery storage systems as a hedge against weather-related power blackouts, especially as they work from home more often. Berger does think the 12-year extension of the tax credit would give companies the certainty they need to make bigger investments to lower solar energy costs.

That extension would also forestall what Aggarwal called "a run on the bank" by solar customers before existing tax credits expire in 2024. That kind of spike in demand would further exacerbate supply chain and labor constraints, triggering more price increases.

"This bill is a comprehensive, long term attempt to help families and communities make the decision to go solar," said Vote Solar's Constantine. "People's decision to go solar affects other people's decision to go solar; we see it as a kind of viral activity."

# Governor Hochul announces groundbreaking for Hudson Valley Community College's new \$12.5 million STEM education center

MALTA — Governor Kathy Hochul announced the groundbreaking for Hudson Valley Community College's new STEM Education Center at the Hudson Valley Community College North extension center located in New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's Saratoga Technology and Energy Park in Malta, Saratoga County. Once completed, the new two-story, 14,500 square foot building will include state-of-the-art labs for anatomy, biology, chemistry, microbiology, and physiology, as well as classrooms, student support space, and offices to serve approximately 1,100 students.

The center is one part of the college's \$12.5 million HVCC North expansion project, which includes New York State investment of approximately \$8.5 million. In combination with renovations to the college's existing Training and Education Center for Semiconductor Manufacturing and Alternative and Renewable Technologies TEC-SMART facility, the new STEM Education Center is a key component of the college's plans to increase access to education and workforce training opportunities through new facilities, technology, and instruction.

HVCC North, which is expected to be completed in Fall 2023, will create the space and resources needed for more than 30 degree and certificate programs, as well as non-credit, short-term workforce and professional education offerings. It will also broaden education and workforce training opportunities in highly specialized and growing



Ground breaking of HVCC Malta.

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fields of healthcare, STEM, and skilled trades. HVCC North will allow the college to train hundreds of graduates and address urgent industry needs—while keeping the workforce local and providing a significant economic boost for the Capital Region as the college trains a larger share of the workforce faster.

The project was supported by a \$2.5 million Empire State Development capital grant recommended by the Capital Region Economic Development Council. Additionally, major contributions to the project's funding have been made by SUNY (\$6 million) and Saratoga County (\$1.5 million), as well as organizations including GlobalFoundries, Northern Borders, and the Hearst Foundation.

Last summer, GlobalFoundries announced a \$500,000 gift toward the project that will create a Workforce Training and Apprenticeship Center at HVCC North. The gift will help upgrade the college's existing facilities and create new ones, including an advanced Radio Frequency/

Vacuum Technology Laboratory, an innovative Mechatronics laboratory, and the modernization of the Clean Room Laboratory currently located at TEC-SMART.

U.S. Congressman Paul Tonko has also named the HVCC North project as one of 15 FY2023 Community Funding Projects that he recently submitted for funding of \$2,065,000 to the House Committee on Appropriations for federal funding contributions.

Assemblymember John T. McDonald III, RPh said, "The new Hudson Valley Community College STEM Education Center is a tremendous investment in emerging technologies of the future. Thank you to Governor Kathy Hochul, Congressman Tonko, Hudson Valley Community College, and all of the partners who are working to ensure that New York is at the forefront of STEM education and can develop the workforces necessary to bring new ideas and progress to the fields of healthcare, STEM, and the skilled trades"

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# Griner sentence brings outrage and cries of 'Free BG'



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**U.S. Women's National Basketball Association basketball player Brittney Griner, who was detained at Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport and later charged with illegal possession of cannabis, waits for the verdict inside a defendants' cage during a hearing in Khimki outside Moscow, on Thursday.**

**Cindy Boren**  
 The Washington Post

The nine-year sentence given to WNBA star Brittney Griner on Thursday was not a shock to legal observers who had closely followed the case and the Russian criminal justice system, but it still unnerved many, with Griner's friends and colleagues reacting with shock and outrage.

Griner made a tearful plea just

before a Russian court found her guilty on Thursday of trying to bring illegal drugs into the country, saying she "made an honest mistake and I hope that in your ruling, that it doesn't end my life here." But it made no difference as the judge handed down a harsh but basically preordained nine-year sentence and fined the 31-year-old star basketball player 1 million rubles (around \$16,300). She had pleaded

guilty last month to carrying vape cartridges with cannabis oil into the country

"Free BG" echoed on Twitter and among sports stars.

Kendrick Perkins, a former NBA player who now works for ESPN, tweeted, "Jesus Christ! This ain't right man... bring BG home." Isaiah Thomas, a former NBA star, echoed that. "No way they did that to BG!!!! No way!!!! God be with her please,"

he tweeted.

While the most likely resolution of her case continues to rest with diplomatic bargaining between the United States and Russia, Griner's lawyers begin the appeal process.

"#FreeBrittneyGriner we will not stop advocating for your release," Dawn Staley, the Hall of Fame women's coach at South Carolina,

See **GRINER B4**

# Jets defense setting the bar high heading into new season

**Stefan Bondy**  
 New York Daily News

From worst to first?

The Jets' pitiful defense ranked at the bottom last season in nearly every key category, most notably points and yards allowed, which became the largest stain on coach Robert Saleh's rookie campaign.

With offseason upgrades in multiple positions, a repeat from Gang Green's defense would be unacceptable. And DT Sheldon Rankins has them completely flipping the script.

"I think the expectations, to a man, have to be to be the best defense in the league," Rankins said. "If we look at anything else or we put any other goal out there, we're selling ourselves short. What's the point of showing up to the race if you're going to say, 'Oh, third is cool?'"

It's more of a pipe dream than a realistic goal. Rankins even acknowledged he's simply trying to speak something into existence, referencing how Usain Bolt's opponents wouldn't concede defeat before the race.

Still, there are reasons for optimism. Or, at least there are reasons to believe the Jets' defense will be much different from last year's dud. Joe Douglas revamped the secondary with the acquisitions of Jordan

See **JETS B4**

# Carpenter returns to St. Louis as a key member of the Yankees

**Kristie Ackert**  
 New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Matt Carpenter never thought he would make it back. The infielder could not figure out his swing. He went 1 for 3 on Oct. 3, 2021 against the Cubs and the veteran Cardinals infielder walked out of Busch Stadium for what he figured would be his last time.

"The major leagues is a tough place to be when you're not at your best and when you're up at the plate searching for your swing and not full of a ton of confidence," Carpenter said. "It's a tough place to be in and that's kind of the spot I was in the last couple seasons."

A three-time All-Star and career .263/.369/.457 hitter who hit 36 homers in 2018, left St. Louis after hitting under .200 and with seven homers in 180 games over his last two seasons.

But the lefty-hitting Carpenter kept searching for that swing even after many thought he might be done. The 36-year-old revamped his swing to get the bat a more level path and more time through the zone and focused on pulling the ball more. He has also benefited from landing with the Yankees and being a savvy veteran in a lineup where pitchers are more likely to challenge him than Aaron Judge, Anthony Rizzo or Giancarlo Stanton.

The turnaround is dramatic as he returns with the Yankees for a three-game series in Busch Stadium this weekend where he says he left with no regrets.

"When you play for as long as I did at a place like that you always think that you're going to finish your career there, but it just didn't work out," Carpenter said. "As far as regrets I have zero regrets of the way that my time in St. Louis



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**Matt Carpenter (24) of the New York Yankees watches his two-run home run in the first inning as Max Stassi (33) of the Los Angeles Angels looks on at Yankee Stadium on May 31.**

went. The memories that I made, the friendships that I made, the success that we had as a team and also that I had individually. I raised a family there. My kids were born there and it's just nothing but great memories.

"I have nothing to be ashamed of or sad about."

Carpenter returns to face the team that he played most of his career for hitting .322/.435/.791 with a 1.226 OPS and 15 home runs as a key member of the '22 Bombers.

"I think he's back to being the All Star-level hitter that he's been for most of his career," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "He's got a great approach, great eye at the plate and he controls the strike zone. When you do that you usually get yourself in a good position. More often than not, you're going to get yourself in good counts because you're controlling

the strike zone, and then he's got the swing that allows him to handle mistakes, whether they're secondary pitches or good fastballs."

After leaving St. Louis, Carpenter signed a minor league deal with the Rangers and played for over a month in Triple-A Round Rock. The Yankees had scouted him in spring training and liked the underlying numbers they saw from his minor league time. Shortly after Carpenter opted out of his contract, the Bombers were looking for a lefty bat.

Carpenter is taking advantage of the lineup he is in and the place he plays. With the notorious short porch in right field at Yankee Stadium, Carpenter's swing fits perfectly. He's pulling the ball more than he ever has in his career, over half of his batted balls (55.4%) are pulled to the right-field side of the diamond.

It makes his return a little

sweeter, not bittersweet. Carpenter comes back with nothing but love and appreciation for the city, fans, organization and former teammates. In fact his only regret is that for all the work he put in while with the Cardinals the results did not come those last two years.

"From my own standpoint, I mean, I'm certainly glad I'm playing well, and I'm certainly glad that I'm on the best team in baseball and get an opportunity to play for a championship," Carpenter said. "But I don't have any ill will to where I'm coming in and almost want to stick it to fans, like that's not where my mindset is. I mean I would have loved to have played at this level the last two seasons. I've worked like crazy to do it, just didn't happen."

"And, you know, for whatever reason, it's happening now and I'm thankful for it."



SEAN M. HAFFEY/GETTY IMAGES

**NFL commissioner Roger Goodell looks on before the Las Vegas Raiders play against the Los Angeles Chargers at SoFi Stadium on Oct. 4 in Inglewood, California.**

# Browns' Watson still faces major NFL ban

**Greg Cote**  
 Miami Herald

MIAMI — The NFL's new system of enforcing its personal conduct policy debuted with the Deshaun Watson case, and if the whole thing seems just a little bit convoluted, well, it isn't. It is a lot convoluted! Like, almost laugh-out-loud weird — mostly because it was collectively bargained and somehow agreed to by both the league and its players association.

To summarize, the system changed so NFL commissioner Roger Goodell would no longer be judge, jury and executioner with sole authority to determine suspensions or other punishment for players whose behavior sullied the NFL shield and almighty Integrity Of The League.

So in came a new title, "chief disciplinary officer," and the league appointed Sue L. Robinson, a

retrieved federal judge. Starting with Watson — only one of the biggest, most salacious and dragged-out player scandals in recent memory — she, not Goodell, would investigate and rule, and her finding would be final.

Sort of. OK, not really! Turns out Goodell still has the final say, if he wants it.

In effect, the "chief disciplinary officer" now does all the leg work, makes a ruling, and then Goodell can sit back and say, "Nope. Bad ruling," bang a metaphoric gavel and do whatever the hell he wanted in the first place.

Here's the punchline: Goodell determines whether he himself or a designee makes the ultimate decision that will be final and binding. Reports Thursday were that he planned to appoint a hand-picked designee.

See **WATSON B4**

ML Baseball

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
NY Yankees	70	36	.660	—
Toronto	58	46	.558	11.0
Tampa Bay	56	49	.533	13.5
Baltimore	54	51	.514	15.5
Baltimore	53	53	.500	17.0

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	55	49	.529	—
Cleveland	54	51	.514	1.5
Chi. White Sox	53	51	.510	2.0
Detroit	42	65	.393	14.5
Kansas City	41	64	.390	14.5

**Wednesday's games**

Tampa Bay 3, Toronto 2  
 Seattle 7, NY Yankees 3  
 Minnesota 4, Detroit 1  
 Baltimore 6, Texas 3  
 Houston 6, Boston 1  
 Chi. White Sox 4, Kansas City 1  
 Oakland 3, LA Angels 1

**Thursday's games**

Oakland 8, LA Angels 7  
 Houston 6, Cleveland 0  
 Tampa Bay 6, Detroit 2  
 Toronto at Minnesota, 7:40 p.m.  
 Chi. White Sox at Texas, 8:05 p.m.  
 Boston at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.

**Friday's games**

Houston (Valdez 9-4) at Cleveland (TBD), 7:10 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay (Kluber 7-6) at Detroit (Garcia 0-0), 7:10 p.m.  
 Chi. White Sox (Sease 11-4) at Texas (Otto 4-7), 8:05 p.m.  
 Toronto (Berrios 8-4) at Minnesota (Mahle 5-7), 8:10 p.m.  
 Boston (Winckowski 4-5) at Kansas City (Greinke 3-6), 8:10 p.m.  
 LA Angels (Sandoval 3-7) at Seattle (Ray 8-8), 10:10 p.m.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
NY Mets	67	38	.638	—
Atlanta	63	43	.594	4.5
Philadelphia	56	48	.538	10.5
Miami	48	57	.457	19.0
Washington	36	70	.340	31.5

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	57	48	.543	—
St. Louis	56	48	.538	—
Pittsburgh	43	62	.410	14.0
Cincinnati	42	62	.404	14.5
Chi. Cubs	41	62	.398	15.0

**Wednesday's games**

Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 1  
 NY Mets 9, Washington 5  
 Miami 3, Cincinnati 0  
 Pittsburgh 8, Milwaukee 7  
 Chi. Cubs at St. Louis, PPD  
 San Diego 9, Colorado 1  
 LA Dodgers 3, San Francisco 0

**Thursday's games**

Pittsburgh 5, Milwaukee 4, 10 innings  
 St. Louis 4, Chi. Cubs 3  
 LA Dodgers 5, San Francisco 3  
 Colorado 7, San Diego 4  
 NY Mets 6, Washington 4  
 Washington at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.  
 Chi. Cubs at St. Louis, 7:45 p.m.

**Friday's games**

Miami (Neidert 0-1) at Chi. Cubs (Steele 4-7), 2:20 p.m.  
 Washington (Gray 7-7) at Philadelphia (Gibson 6-4), 7:05 p.m.  
 Atlanta (Anderson 9-6) at NY Mets (Walker 9-2), 7:10 p.m.  
 Cincinnati (Dugger 0-0) at Milwaukee (Lauer 7-3), 8:10 p.m.  
 Colorado (Marquez 6-9) at Arizona (Bumgarner 6-10), 9:40 p.m.  
 San Diego (Manaea 6-5) at LA Dodgers (Gonsolin 12-1), 10:10 p.m.

**Interleague**

**Wednesday's game**

Cleveland 7, Arizona 4

**Friday's games**

Pittsburgh (Keller 3-7) at Baltimore (Kremer 3-3), 7:05 p.m.  
 NY Yankees (Cortes Jr. 9-3) at St. Louis (Hudson 6-6), 8:15 p.m.

Pro football

**NFL PRESEASON SCHEDULE**

**Hall of Fame Game**  
**Thursday's game**  
 (at Canton, Ohio)  
 Las Vegas 27, Jacksonville 11

**WEEK 1**  
**Thursday, Aug. 11**  
 N.Y. Giants at New England, 7 p.m.  
 Tennessee at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, Aug. 12**  
 Atlanta at Detroit, 6 p.m.  
 Cleveland at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.  
 Arizona at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.  
 N.Y. Jets at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.  
 Green Bay at San Francisco, 8:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Aug. 13**  
 Kansas City at Chicago, 1 p.m.  
 Carolina at Washington, 1 p.m.  
 Indianapolis at Buffalo, 4 p.m.  
 Seattle at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.  
 Miami at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.  
 New Orleans at Houston, 8 p.m.  
 Dallas at Denver, 9 p.m.  
 L.A. Rams at L.A. Chargers, 10 p.m.

**Sunday, Aug. 14**  
 Minnesota at Las Vegas, 4:25 p.m.

**WEEK 2**  
**Thursday, Aug. 18**  
 Chicago at Seattle (ESPN), 8 p.m.

**Friday, Aug. 19**  
 Carolina at New England, 7 p.m.  
 New Orleans at Green Bay, 8 p.m.  
 Houston at L.A. Rams, 10 p.m.

**Saturday, Aug. 20**  
 Denver at Buffalo, 1 p.m.  
 Detroit at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.  
 Washington at Kansas City, 4 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.  
 Las Vegas at Miami, 7 p.m.  
 San Francisco at Minnesota, 7 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at Tennessee, 7 p.m.  
 Dallas at L.A. Chargers, 10 p.m.

**Sunday, Aug. 21**  
 Philadelphia at Cleveland, 1 p.m.  
 Cincinnati at N.Y. Giants, 7 p.m.  
 Baltimore at Arizona (FOX), 8 p.m.

**Monday, Aug. 22**  
 Atlanta at N.Y. Jets (ESPN), 8 p.m.

**WEEK 3**  
**Thursday, Aug. 25**  
 Green Bay at Kansas City, 8 p.m.  
 San Francisco at Houston (Prime Video), 8:15 p.m.

**Friday, Aug. 26**  
 Buffalo at Carolina, 7 p.m.  
 Seattle at Dallas, 8 p.m.  
 L.A. Chargers at New Orleans, 8 p.m.  
 New England at Las Vegas, 8:15 p.m.

**Saturday, Aug. 27**  
 Jacksonville at Atlanta, 3 p.m.  
 L.A. Rams at Cincinnati, 6 p.m.  
 Washington at Baltimore, 7 p.m.  
 Chicago at Cleveland, 7 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at Miami, 7 p.m.  
 Arizona at Tennessee, 7 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m.

**Sunday, Aug. 28**  
 N.Y. Giants at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.  
 Detroit at Pittsburgh (CBS), 4:30 p.m.

**CFL**

**East Division**

Team	W	L	T	Pts	PF	PA
Toronto	3	3	0	6	119	154
Hamilton	2	5	0	4	141	175
Montreal	2	6	0	4	211	228
Ottawa	6	0	0	2	152	178

**West Division**

Team	W	L	T	Pts	PF	PA
Winnipeg	9	0	0	18	250	162
BC	5	1	0	10	208	121
Calgary	4	2	0	8	189	147
Saskatchewan	4	4	0	8	200	192
Edmonton	2	5	0	4	131	244

**Thursday's games**  
 Winnipeg 35, Montreal 20

**Friday's games**  
 Calgary at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday's games**  
 Hamilton at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
 Edmonton at BC, 10 p.m.

**Thursday, Aug. 11**  
 Montreal at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.

**Friday, Aug. 12**  
 Toronto at Hamilton, 7:30 p.m.

**PGA TOUR**

**Wyndham Championship**  
 Greensboro, N.C.  
 Purse: \$7,300,000

**Sedgefield Country Club (par 70, 7,131 yards)**

**First Round**

John Huh	29-32-61(-9)
Sung-jae Im	33-30-63(-7)
Peter Malnati	32-32-64(-6)
Brandon Wu	32-32-64(-6)
Rafael Cabrera Bello	32-33-65(-5)
Michael Gligic	31-34-65(-5)
Ben Kohles	31-34-65(-5)
Ryan Moore	33-32-65(-5)
Cameron Percy	30-35-65(-5)
Alex Smalley	32-33-65(-5)
Austin Smotherman	32-33-65(-5)
Brian Stuard	31-34-65(-5)
Aaron Wise	34-31-65(-5)
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	34-32-66(-4)
Ryan Brehm	35-31-66(-4)
Jason Dufner	32-34-66(-4)
Kramer Hickok	31-35-66(-4)
Lee Hodges	34-32-66(-4)
Kelly Kraft	34-32-66(-4)
Anirban Lahiri	33-33-66(-4)
Matthew NeSmith	34-32-66(-4)
J.T. Poston	31-35-66(-4)
Jason Day	32-35-67(-3)
Brett Dreyer	33-34-67(-3)
Brice Garnett	31-36-67(-3)
Brian Harman	33-34-67(-3)
Russell Henley	35-32-67(-3)
Billy Horschel	36-31-67(-3)
Mackenzie Hughes	34-33-67(-3)
Zach Johnson	34-33-67(-3)
Jooyoung Kim	36-31-67(-3)
Kyoung-hoon Lee	36-31-67(-3)
Sébastien Munoz	33-34-67(-3)
Davis Riley	34-33-67(-3)
Sam Ryder	33-34-67(-3)
Scott Stallings	30-37-67(-3)
Nick Taylor	33-34-67(-3)
Martin Trairer	34-33-67(-3)
Kevin Tway	35-32-67(-3)
Vincent Whaley	33-34-67(-3)
Stewart Cink	32-36-68(-2)
Bill Haas	35-33-68(-2)
Tyrell Hatton	34-34-68(-2)
Harry Higgs	34-34-68(-2)
Bo Hoeg	32-36-68(-2)
Charley Hoffman	36-32-68(-2)
Satoshi Kodaira	37-31-68(-2)
David Lipsky	34-34-68(-2)
Max McGreevey	35-33-68(-2)
Keith Mitchell	33-35-68(-2)
Cheng-Tsung Pan	34-34-68(-2)
Cheez Reavie	34-34-68(-2)
Doc Redman	30-38-68(-2)
Rory Sabbatini	34-34-68(-2)
Adam Scott	37-31-68(-2)
Brendon Todd	32-35-68(-2)
Jared Wolfe	36-32-68(-2)
Austin Cook	33-36-69(-1)
Niel Dahmen	35-34-69(-1)
Harris English	35-34-69(-1)
Doug Ghim	35-34-69(-1)
Ben Griffin	34-35-69(-1)
Chesson Hadley	35-34-69(-1)
Stephan Jaeger	35-37-69(-1)
Sung-Hoon Kang	33-36-69(-1)
Si Woo Kim	33-36-69(-1)
Martin Laird	32-37-69(-1)
Hank Lebioda	36-33-69(-1)
Blake Linghamth	34-35-69(-1)
David McShea	35-34-69(-1)
Taylor Moore	33-36-69(-1)
Henrik Norlander	34-35-69(-1)
Scott Piercy	34-35-69(-1)
Patrick Rodgers	31-38-69(-1)
Adam Schenk	35-34-69(-1)
Robert Streb	32-37-69(-1)
Chris Stroud	32-37-69(-1)
Vaughn Taylor	34-35-69(-1)
Joseph Bramlett	34-36-70 (E)
Scott Brown	35-35-70 (E)
Jonathan Byrd	35-35-70 (E)
Kevin Chappell	34-36-70 (E)
Corey Connors	35-35-70 (E)
Joshua Creel	34-36-70 (E)
Luke Donald	35-35-70 (E)
Tyler Duncan	35-35-70 (E)
Lucas Glover	33-37-70 (E)
Christopher Gotterup	33-37-70 (E)
James Hahn	35-35-70 (E)
Cole Hammer	34-36-70 (E)
Nick Hardy	34-36-70 (E)
Jim Herman	36-34-70 (E)
Mark Hubbard	34-36-70 (E)
Russell Knox	34-36-70 (E)
Davis Love III	36-34-70 (E)
William McGirt	35-35-70 (E)
Andrew Novak	34-36-70 (E)
Andrew Putnam	32-38-70 (E)
Aaron Rai	35-35-70 (E)
Chad Ramey	35-35-70 (E)
Chase Seiffert	35-35-70 (E)
David Skinnis	35-35-70 (E)
Roger Sloan	34-36-70 (E)
Adam Svensson	34-36-70 (E)
Callum Tarren	34-36-70 (E)
Dawie Van Der Walt	35-35-70 (E)
Harold Varner III	36-34-70 (E)
Ricky Werenski	34-36-70 (E)
Aaron Baddeley	36-35-71(+1)
Cameron Champ	38-33-71(+1)
Patton Kizzire	36-35-71(+1)
Shane Lowry	37-34-71(+1)
Ben Martin	36-35-71(+1)
Yannik Paul	37-34-71(+1)
Taylor Pendrith	34-37-71(+1)
Webb Simpson	34-37-71(+1)
J.J. Spaun	37-37-71(+1)
Michael Thompson	36-35-71(+1)
Camilo Villegas	35-36-71(+1)
Matt Wallace	36-35-71(+1)
Will Zalatoris	36-35-71(+1)
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	34-38-72(+2)
Hayden Buckley	36-36-72(+2)
Mickey DeMorat	34-38-72(+2)
Robert Garrigus	35-37-72(+2)
Tommy Gibson	36-36-72(+2)
Justin Lower	34-38-72(+2)
Denny McCarthy	35-37-72(+2)
Trent Phillips	35-37-72(+2)
Kevin Streelman	35-37-72(+2)
Tommy Gainey	35-38-73(+3)
Brandon Haggy	36-37-73(+3)
Garrick Higgo	34-39-73(+3)
Kevin Kisner	36-37-73(+3)
Jim Kouss	36-37-73(+3)
Adam Long	34-39-73(+3)
Grayson Murray	37-36-73(+3)
Justin Rose	34-37-73(+3)
Gregory Sigg	38-35-73(+3)

**LPGA**

**AIG Women's Open**  
 Gullane, Scotland  
 Purse: \$7,300,000

**Muirfield (par 71, 6,680 yards)**

**First Round**

Hinako Shibuno	32-33-65(-6)
Jessica Korda	34-32-66(-5)
Loiselle Duncan	35-32-67(-4)
Gaby Lopez	35-32-67(-4)
Celine Boutier	34-34-68(-3)
In-gee Chun	34-34-68(-3)
Jodi Ewart Shadoff	35-33-68(-3)
Minjee Lee	36-32-68(-3)
Maja Stark	33-35-68(-3)
Hye Jin Choi	34-35-69(-2)
Inbee Park	34-35-69(-2)
Miyuu Yamashita	35-34-69(-2)
Marina Alex	35-35-70(-1)
Brittany Altomare	34-36-70(-1)
Ashleigh Buhai	36-34-70(-1)
Georgia Hall	35-35-70(-1)
Brooke Henderson	35-35-70(-1)
Eun-Hee Ji	35-35-70(-1)
A Lim Kim	35-35-70(-1)
Nelly Korda	34-36-70(-1)
Stephanie Kyriacou	36-34-70(-1)
Whitnee Meecahl	34-36-70(-1)
Emily Kristine Pedersen	34-36-70(-1)
So Yeon Ryu	35-35-70(-1)
Madeline Sagstrom	34-36-70(-1)
Cassandra Alexander	36-35-71 (E)
Pajaree Ananruakam	35-36-71 (E)
Perrine Delacour	35-36-71 (E)
Hannah Green	35-36-71 (E)
Mina Hariga	36-35-71 (E)
Nasa Hataoka	34-37-71 (E)
Alice Hewson	34-37-71 (E)
Charley Hull	34-37-71 (E)
Ariya Jutanugarn	35-36-71 (E)
In-Kyung Kim	35-36-71 (E)
Lydia Ko	35-36-71 (E)
Jeongeun Lee	36-35-71 (E)
Leona Maguire	35-36-71 (E)
Ryann O'Toole	34-37-71 (E)
Lee-Anne Pace	36-35-71 (E)
Ana Pelaez Trivino	36-35-71 (E)
Lizette Salas	33-38-71 (E)
Atthaya Thitikul	34-37-71 (E)
Jennifer Chang	38-34-72(+1)
Chella Choi	38-34-72(+1)
Carlota Ciganda	37-35-72(+1)
Linn Grant	36-36-72(+1)
Whitney Hillier	37-35-72(+1)
Kotone Hori	36-36-72(+1)
Andrea Lee	35-37-72(+1)
Xiyu Lin	35-37-72(+1)
Sung Hyun Park	36-36-72(+1)
Mao Saigo	35-37-72(+1)
Sayaka Takahashi	37-35-72(+1)
Rose Zhang	35-37-72(+1)
Aadi Ashok	36-37-73(+2)
Lydia Hall	36-37-73(+2)
Leonie Ham	36-37-73(+2)
Mizuki Hashimoto	39-34-73(+2)
Esther Henseleit	38-35-73(+2)
Jung Min Hong	36-37-73(+2)
Janie Jackson	38-35-73(+2)

# Tyler Naquin hits two of Mets' four HRs in victory over Atlanta

**Anthony Rieber**  
 Newsday

NEW YORK — The Mets pulled out all the stops on Thursday night in a 6-4 win over Atlanta before 38,693 at Citi Field.

The NL East frontrunners hit four home runs against Atlanta starter Kyle Wright: two by newcomer Tyler Naquin, one by new Citi Field fan favorite Daniel Vogelbach and one by Pete Alonso.

Carlos Carrasco, who gave up three runs in six innings, extended his career best scoreless streak to 22 2/3 innings before allowing a run in the fifth.

Manager Buck Showalter went for the jugular when he called in Edwin Diaz to start the eighth for his first career six-out save.

Diaz struck out two in an 11-pitch, nine-strike eighth.

Eddie Rosario led off the ninth with a single before Travis d'Arnaud hit a fly ball to right for the first out.

After a wild pitch, Diaz struck out Marcell Ozuna on a 100-mile per hour fastball. Diaz fell behind Orlando Arcia 3-and-0 before before throwing a 99-mph fastball that Arcia tried to check his swing on. The ball hit his bat and trickled to the first-base side of the mound, where Diaz grabbed it and stepped on first for his 24th save.

The Mets might have come up short at the trade deadline in picking up the extra relief help their fans wanted, but Showalter showed he doesn't need an eighth-inning guy if Diaz is rested enough to go two.

With the All-Star break (and since he didn't pitch in the All-Star Game), Diaz had thrown only 4 1/3 innings in four appearances after a July 17 outing.



**New York Mets left fielder Tyler Naquin (25) watches his solo home run against the Atlanta Braves during the sixth inning at Citi Field on Thursday.**

So he was ready to go when Showalter needed him to help continue the Mets' supremacy against the NL East. The Mets improved to 34-17 within the division.

The Mets increased their division lead to 4 1/2 over the defending World Series champions in the first game of a five-game showdown series that includes a day-night doubleheader on Saturday and concludes with Jacob deGrom's return to Citi Field on Sunday.

Alonso gave the Mets a 1-0 lead in the first with a one-out RBI single to score Starling Marte, who had reached on an infield single and moved to second on a walk to Francisco Lindor.

Naquin made it 2-0 in the second with a home run to the back of the home bullpen in

right-center for his first home run as a Met.

Wright (13-5, 3.22 ERA) walked Lindor again in the third, this time with two outs, and Alonso made him pay with a two-run bomb over the party deck in left-center.

Oh, it was a party all right, as Alonso's 29th homer gave him 91 RBIs and extended the lead to 4-0.

Vogelbach made it 5-0 by going back-to-back to right for his second Mets home run. Vogelbach's first one was a grand slam on Wednesday in Washington.

Carrasco, who came into the game with an 18 2/3 scoreless innings streak, threw shutout ball for the first four innings, allowing one single and walking one.

Atlanta got to him with two

# Phillies' Harper: No pain throwing but focused on getting his 'swing going'

Alex Coffey

The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — In his first week of taking swings and throwing since getting three pins removed from his left thumb, Bryce Harper said he has felt pain-free. His priority is to get his swing going so he can get back in the Phillies lineup and hopes to return by "September-ish," but is reluctant to put a firm timeline.

"It's been good," Harper said on Thursday. "Being able to get the pins out kind of opened things up for me to do what I needed to get through the week and then get into this next week. To prepare me to come back. So, being able to throw the baseball again, catch the baseball again, my workout's changed a little bit just so I can grip a little bit more, and things like that."

The 2021 MVP has been sidelined since June 26 when he was placed on the 10-day injured list with a left thumb fracture after getting hit on the hand by a fastball thrown by the Padres' Blake Snell. He had three pins inserted in his thumb on July 5 and had them removed on Monday. Harper was back in the batting cage taking swings that same day.

It hasn't been a lot of swings -- Harper took 20 off the tee on Monday, 20 swings on Tuesday and 20 swings on Wednesday, but feels good.

Harper said if he starts to feel pain in his thumb, he won't hit. But as long as he feels fine, he'll keep swinging. The removal of the pins in Harper's left thumb also enabled him to start a throwing program. Prior to his injury on June 26, Harper had been the everyday DH after suffering a small tear in the ulnar collateral ligament of his right elbow. Because Harper bats left, he was able to continue hitting.

But once he was hit by Snell's pitch, Harper was unable to contribute on either side of the field.

Harper said he's playing "light catch," but said hitting is his main focus.

"Just super light," Harper said of throwing.



Bryce Harper is focused on regaining his swing more than his throwing arm as he works his way back from injury.

"Started on a knee about a week ago, maybe five feet, and progressed from there. We're back out to about 40 feet right now, standing up, just very light. Like I said, we'll progress from there. That's kind of on the back burner for me right now. I just want to get back in the lineup, get my swing going."

The last time Harper tested his arm it didn't feel right. So far, he feels no pain while throwing, but said he'll get a better sense of where he's at as he starts to increase his workload.

"I don't feel it at all, pain wise," he said. "But like

I said, it's such a lob toss, it's kind of like I'm throwing wiffle balls to my kid, right. So I mean, it's very easy. But not having pain is a big thing for me. You guys will know more once I scoot back and start letting it throw a little bit more. But like I said, it's kind of on the back burner for me.

"I want to get back in the lineup. I want to get back in there to start hitting, so I'm not really quick to get back on a throwing (program) as quickly as possible, because I really want to it to heal so I don't have to do anything in the offseason, like go under the knife or anything like that."

Harper also had praise president of baseball operations Dave Dombrowski for his trade deadline acquisitions of center fielder Brandon Marsh and starting pitcher Noah Syndergaard from the Angels and reliever David Robertson from the Cubs.

"I thought it was great," Harper said. "I think people don't like the way Dave (Dombrowski) works because he works under the radar a little bit, he's always been that way and I kind of like that, because nobody kind of knows what we're going to do. So being able to see what we did do, he added what we needed. He got the starting pitcher that we needed, the center fielder that we needed, and a bullpen guy. Marsh 'super stoked' to join Phillies."

Marsh was in the Phillies clubhouse on Thursday afternoon, introducing himself to new teammates and preparing for his Phillies debut. Interim manager Rob Thomson penciled Marsh into the nine-hole against the Nationals.

"It's very very exciting, it's a blessing to be here, super excited and I met the guys and staff today," he said. "It's been nothing short of what I expected. So it's been awesome."

Marsh, who was acquired in a trade with the Angels for Double-A catching prospect Logan O'Hoppe, said he was a little shocked when he heard news of the deal, but is ready to join a pennant race.

"I wasn't expecting it too, too much," he said. "Because every year I feel like guys are thrown into trade talks. So finally went through with one this year. And I'm super stoked and super excited to get things rolling here in Philly." Extra bases

Second baseman Jean Segura, who was placed on the injured list on June 1 with a fracture of his right index finger, was reinstated from the 60-day injured list on Thursday and is in the lineup. ... Pitcher Kyle Gibson was activated from the bereavement list.

# Tigers legend Miguel Cabrera (knee) will consider retirement

Field Level Media

Detroit Tigers star Miguel Cabrera said Thursday that he will consider retirement following the season due to right knee pain.

The 39-year-old designated hitter told reporters that the pain has been persistent in recent weeks.

Cabrera has one season remaining on an eight year, \$248 million contract. The two-time American League MVP is set to earn \$32 million in 2023.

"I've got to talk to my agent, I've got to talk to the GM, I'm got to talk to everybody (and) see what's going to be

the plan for next year," Cabrera said before Detroit's 6-2 loss to the visiting Tampa Bay Rays on Thursday. "Right now we don't know. We're focused on today. We're going to go day by day and see what happens. I don't think about next year. I'm thinking about trying to finish healthy this year."

Cabrera stated earlier this season that he planned to play next season. But the recent knee soreness has led to a decline in production.

Cabrera was batting .308 in 69 games through July 6. Since then, he is hitting just .125 (9-for-72) with one homer in 21 games after going hitless in four

at-bats on Thursday. He is hitless in his past 23 at-bats.

"The last three weeks, it's hurt more," Cabrera said. "I've had that problem for the last three or four years. Right now, I'm trying to get more training. I got to deal with it."

Now Cabrera, a four-time batting champion, never knows if he will be able to play on a certain day. On Thursday, he was able to serve as the designated hitter and bat third for Detroit.

"You've got to understand your body," Cabrera said. "I understand my body and I understand my position now on this team. I'm OK. I'm going

to keep working. Every time they give me a chance to play I'm going to go out there and do my best. That's the bottom line. That's what matters. And it's an opportunity for young guys here to get more at-bats and see what we've got for next year."

Overall, Cabrera is batting .268 with four homers, nine doubles and 36 RBIs this season.

He experienced a career highlight this season when he recorded his 3,000th hit on April 23 against the Colorado Rockies. The hit made Cabrera the seventh player in major league history with 3,000 hits and 500 homers.

Cabrera also was named to the All-Star Game by commissioner Rob Manfred as a Legends Selection. It marked the 12th All-Star selection for Cabrera.

Cabrera's many accomplishments in his 15 seasons with the Tigers include winning the 2012 Triple Crown when he batted .330 with 44 homers and 139 RBIs.

Overall, Cabrera has 3,074 hits, 506 homers, 1,840 RBIs and a .309 average in 2,677 games in 20 seasons with the then-Florida Marlins (2003-07) and Tigers. He was part of the Marlins' 2003 World Series title club.



## Helen Tomlin

August 6, 2022

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At the age of 104, Helen Tomlin is the "oldest resident" of the FASNY Firemen's Home. Her family admits that she's done "a lot of living" in those years. Her family and friends showed their love and appreciation on her birthday July 24. They organized an outdoor party for her and treated everyone to cake and cupcakes. The

Firemen's Home in Hudson is where she has lived for more than a decade. Helen spent most of her life "farming, nursing and taking care of kids," according to a family member.

Learn more about Helen on Hudson Valley 360 [www.hudsonvalley360.com/lanceslens](http://www.hudsonvalley360.com/lanceslens)

# Red Sox designate Jackie Bradley Jr. for assignment

Steve Hewitt  
Boston Herald

BOSTON — Jackie Bradley Jr.'s second stint with the Red Sox is reportedly over.

The Red Sox are designating Bradley Jr. for assignment, according to

multiple reports and first reported by the Boston Globe.

Bradley Jr. spent his first eight major league seasons with the Red Sox before leaving in free agency to join the Milwaukee Brewers last season. Boston reacquired the outfielder

shortly before the Major League Baseball lockout went into effect last December in the trade that sent Hunter Renfroe to Milwaukee.

The Red Sox hoped to improve their outfield defense with the move, and while Bradley Jr. provided

stability, he continued to be a liability offensively. He was batting .210 with a .578 OPS, although his home splits were much better with a .288 average and .785 OPS at Fenway Park.

With the trade deadline acquisition of outfielder Tommy Pham,

there seemed to be no room for Bradley Jr. to get regular playing time. The outfield going forward will be Pham in left, Jarren Duran in center and Alex Verdugo in right, and the Red Sox hope Kike Hernandez can return some time this month.

## Jets

From B1

Whitehead, Ahmad 'Sauce' Gardner and D.J. Reed. The GM added to the line by drafting Jermaine Johnson and Michael Clemons. There are several other defensive players who weren't around last year, including DE Jacob Martin, who was signed in free agency and carries a chip on his shoulder after being labeled a 'situational pass rusher.'

"I'm a total football player," Martin said. "I can do anything that I'm asked to do. I've

played all over the place.

"I've played stack linebacker, I played at the edge, I played outside linebacker, I've played true defensive end. I've set big edges. I've made big plays in big games. So I don't like that term. I'm a football player. I'm the total package, for sure."

Kwon Alexander, another free agency signee at linebacker, also spoke with confidence and bravado during training camp. If nothing else, the Jets are talking like a top-5 defense.

"Once I get going, it's going to be hard to stop me," Alexander said. "That's what I'm



New York Jets defensive tackle Sheldon Rankins.

ready to do."

It's the time of year for hope, and the Jets' defense can't go anywhere but up. They were

the only team last season to allow over 500 points, which was 131 more than anybody else in the AFC East. Saleh said

the terrible numbers against the run, in particular, were misleading because they were skewed by big plays.

"From an efficiency standpoint we were at the top half of the league in run game," Saleh reasoned. "Unfortunately, we gave up, we are one of the worst from an explosive standpoint which is twelve yards or more. We gave up a lot of explosive plays and massively explosive plays that really skewed the numbers out of whack."

We'll see if dramatically improving the run defense is simply a matter of preventing the game-breakers. In the

meantime, the players are setting the bar high.

"For us, we want that target on our back," Rankins said. "We want that challenge. We want to put that out there, because it gives us something to go out there and chase every day. It's easy to say you just want to be good. That's relative. What are you comparing it to? What is your barometer that you're trying to judge that against? To say you want to be the best, everybody knows what that means."

"Going into it with any other mindset would just be flawed thinking. You'd be selling yourself short."

## Watson

From B1

Imagine how that decision played out...

Commissioner Goodell: "Let's see, do I want to take on this decision myself and forever be the bad guy in Cleveland? Or do I want to appoint an "independent" designee Roger winks to himself who is like-minded and will do what I wish but take all the heat?"

Commissioner Goodell looking in the mirror: "Great question, Rog. Let me think about that over lunch."

So here we are.

Justice works in strange ways, if it works at all, and the NFL is the new example.

Thanks to these convoluted machinations the NFL Players Association astonishingly agreed to that took the punishment-power out of Goodell's hands (but not really), Deshaun Watson may yet get a penalty closer to what he deserves, after all.

Which puts many of us in the squirmy position of not really wanting Goodell to have all of this power but glad in this case that he does.

The six-game suspension handed Watson by Robinson on Monday hit immediately like a travesty of lenience.

A wrist-slap beyond insulting to the 25 women who had stepped forward in civil lawsuits and alleged Watson's sexual abuse and other creepy improprieties during massage sessions in 2020 and '21 while with Houston.

What galled was that the investigation found Watson guilty. It did not exonerate him even if the light sentence made it feel like that.

Robinson in her 16-page report wrote that the NFL had fulfilled "its burden to prove, by a preponderance of the evidence, that Mr. Watson engaged in sexual assault as defined by the NFL against the four therapists identified in

the report."

She also ruled that Watson's behavior "undermines ... the integrity of the NFL," and that his "predatory conduct cast a negative light on the league and its players." She further noted the QB's "lack of expressed remorse."

So why the wrist-slap six-game ban? Robinson, in a gut-punch to sexual assault survivors everywhere, differentiated between violent and non-violent sexual conduct.

So the star quarterback the NFL found guilty of multiple sexual assaults gets to be mobbed for autographs and selfies at a Browns practice this week, miss barely

one-third of a season and then go about collecting his \$230 million guaranteed contract. Almost like none of it ever happened.

Enter Roger Goodell, heroically galloping in on a white steed (an image lending benefit of doubt to the idea Goodell as ever stepped up onto a horse).

The NFL, in failed settlement talks, had sought an indefinite suspension of at least one full season for Watson, along with a fine previously reported to be around \$8 million, and treatment for the what led to Watson being a serial predator in the first place.

Those are now much closer

to the penalties we can hope for and even expect, although the NFLPA, which agreed to the ultimate power Goodell may now exercise, desperately threatens to sue the NFL in federal court if Watson's punishment is replaced by a much more severe one.

One cannot imagine the federal court siding with the players association against authority given to Goodell in collective bargaining by the very same players association.

So Deshaun Watson may get his just punishment, after all, even if the NFL needed a convoluted path to get there.

No matter when or how, justice is justice.

## Griner

From B1

tweeted. "Hold on to God's unchanging hand. We love you, BG!"

Lexie Brown, who plays for the WNBA's Los Angeles Sparks, tweeted that "anyone that goes back to Russia to play is insane," adding, "this is breaking my heart seeing her right now."

Erica Wheeler, a former WNBA player, tweeted, "My heart goes out to BG's family and her wife! Today hit a little different, man, like that's our sister! I can't even imagine how her family feels! I pray God is protecting her mental but more importantly keep fighting BG... gotta bring you home!"

The NBA and WNBA commissioners echoed that in a joint statement. "Today's verdict and sentencing is unjustified and unfortunate but not unexpected and Brittney Griner remains wrongly detained," Adam Silver and Cathy Engelbert said. "The WNBA and NBA's commitment to her safe return has not wavered and it is our hope that we are near the end of this process of finally bringing BG home to the United States."

Terri Carmichael Jackson, head of the WNBA Players Association, called the decision Thursday "unjust. It is a terrible blow. Whatever conversations Secretary Blinken and his Russian counterpart need to have, we trust that they are having them with all deliberate speed. Because it's time. It's just time."

Elizabeth Rood, the U.S. Embassy's deputy chief of mission in Moscow, called Griner's conviction and sentencing "a miscarriage of justice." She spoke briefly, saying, "Secretary of State [Antony] Blinken, President Biden's national security team and the entire American government remain committed to bringing Ms. Griner home safely to her family and friends."

President Joe Biden called for her immediate release, saying: "Today, American citizen Brittney Griner received a prison sentence that is one more reminder of what

the world already knew: Russia is wrongfully detaining Brittney," Biden said. "It's unacceptable, and I call on Russia to release her immediately so she can be with her wife, loved ones, friends, and teammates."

Lindsay Kagawa Colas, Griner's agent, called for a deal to be "done swiftly" to free her and noted that Paul Whelan is an American who is serving a 16-year prison term in Russia. He and Griner have been mentioned as part of a prisoner exchange.

"Today's sentencing of Brittney Griner was severe by Russian legal standards and goes to prove what we have known all along, that Brittney is being used as a political pawn," Colas said. "We appreciate and continue to support the efforts of @POTUS and @SecBlinken to get a deal done swiftly to bring Brittney, Paul and all Americans home."

"Bringing Brittney and Paul home is the sole objective, and as such, we should use all available tools. We must remain focused and unified. This is a time for compassion and a shared understanding that getting a deal done to bring Americans home will be hard, but it is urgent and it is the right thing to do."

"BG is an American. BG is an Olympian. BG is an ALL-STAR. BG is a daughter, a wife, a friend," Cari Champion, the former ESPN host, tweeted. "BG is an American. BG IS IN A CAGE. BG is ours. Bring her home." Griner, who stands 6 foot 9, was confined to a cage for a much smaller person during her day in court.

The Rev. Al Sharpton, president and founder of the National Action Network, called Griner a "political pawn" and continued to ask for permission to take a delegation of clergy to visit Griner to assess her health.

"The sentencing of Brittney Griner to nine years in prison is a moral outrage and a legal atrocity in any court in the world. In most places, including the United States, what she pled guilty to and was charged with, would not even have merited a misdemeanor. It is shameful and a dark day when global athletics is subjected to politics and not due

process," Sharpton said. "Let's not forget Brittney Griner not only entertained and won the hearts of many Americans, but for seven years entertained and won the hearts of many Russians as she played basketball there. Which is why her basketball coach and fellow players came and testified for her."

"She and Paul Whelan are clearly pawns in some global political chess game that has nothing to do with them. They should be immediately released."

Initially, negotiations for her release were quietly conducted, but the passage of time has led to more public calls for her release. Griner's wife, Cherelle, has been increasingly outspoken in calling for Biden to take action, with the State Department reclassifying Griner as "wrongfully detained" last spring.

Her No. 42 was added to basketball floors when the WNBA season began and calls to "free BG" intensified.

A two-time Olympic gold medalist and perennial

all-star with the WNBA's Mercury, Griner plays for UMMC Ekaterinburg during the WNBA offseason, and called Yekaterinburg her "second home" on Thursday. Moved by her relationship with her teammates and the growing popularity of the sport among young girls, she explained as she wept, "That's why I kept coming back."

Now, the focus turns to ongoing negotiations to try to get Griner released, something complicated by a frosty relationship between the United

States and Russia. Last week, Blinken spoke to Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and urged him to accept a deal involving Griner and Whelan.

Whelan, who was arrested in 2018 and convicted of spying in 2020, says he was framed. The United States has not indicated whether it would offer Russian Viktor Bout, an arms trafficker who was arrested in a U.S. sting operation in Thailand in 2008, in exchange for their release.

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# The NFL's fight to suspend Deshaun Watson is about PR — That doesn't make it wrong

Kevin B. Blackstone  
The Washington Post

As it turned out, the retired federal judge hired by the NFL and its players union to mete out discipline didn't only do quarterback Deshaun Watson a favor in suspending him for about a third of a season for appearing to be a serial sexual assaulter of women. Sue L. Robinson did the league - more specifically, its commissioner, Roger Goodell - an even bigger favor. She delivered Goodell an opportunity to save face.

Indeed, the six-game suspension she levied on Watson for seemingly preying on women he had hired for massages wound up as nothing more than a trial balloon. As it ascended, it was pelted with criticism from near and far. All of which gave Goodell an opportunity he must have been happy to seize: to feign such great disappointment with the judge's verdict - as stunningly insulting and dismissive of the women's claims - that he was left with no option but to swoop in and save the women's honor by appealing the decision as utterly inadequate, which the league did Wednesday.

And sometime soon, former New Jersey attorney general Peter C. Harvey, chosen by Goodell on Thursday to hear the league's appeal, will impose a more severe penalty derived from Goodell's moral measurement. It might well be banishment from the entire upcoming season, which would be more in line with what the critics and public cried out for in the wake of Robinson's tortured ruling. That also would echo reporting, including from The Washington Post's Mark Maske, that Goodell all along sought at least a season-long suspension for the Cleveland quarterback, positioning himself and the league as tough on the reported wicked behavior.

The skeptic in me suspected this was part of a public relations setup all along. After all, the new disciplinary system the league and union negotiated a couple years ago allowed for the league ultimately to handle discipline as it had in the past, with the commissioner as the final authority. The amendment agreed upon was that someone other than the commissioner would first be judge and jury, which also nodded toward public sentiment after



Deshaun Watson (4) of the Cleveland Browns runs a drill during Cleveland Browns training camp at CrossCountry Mortgage Campus on July 30 in Berea, Ohio.

decades of the commissioner's office doing the policing and sentencing - or not.

That new person was called a disciplinary officer. Robinson became the first. Her position was deemed neutral, though she is contracted and paid for by the league and players union to determine any penalties or whether a penalty is necessary at all.

However, as the 2020 collective bargaining agreement states, upon appeal, "the Commissioner or his designee will issue a written decision that will constitute full, final and complete disposition of the dispute and will be binding upon the player(s), Club(s) and the parties to this Agreement."

So at day's end, it is still Goodell (or his designee) making the ultimate decision. It is just that public sentiment has first been officially gauged in the process - and someone other than the commissioner has been sacrificed before the masses. Then the commissioner gets to clean up the mess to the satisfaction of critics. It won't matter anymore that Robinson said she reached her decision only because she was hamstrung by Goodell's weak punishment in previous cases similar to Watson's. That will be just about forgotten.

It doesn't end here, of course. Watson and the players union could sue the league if whatever new penalty Goodell's office issues doesn't agree with them. Before Robinson's ruling, the players union announced

that it intended to accept the judge's ruling and hoped the league would do the same.

That was a trial balloon of its own that was deflated by Goodell's office Wednesday. So the wrestling over what to do with Watson probably won't end with the league's appeal to, of all parties, itself.

Watson, who didn't play last season - in league purgatory while his voluminous case file was being investigated by legal authorities as well as his employer - probably will sue the league if it orders him sidelined for a second consecutive season or longer. Last season, he was remunerated despite not playing. This time, he wouldn't be. Instead, he could be forced to apply for reinstatement in the 2023 season.

He and his new team in Cleveland already considered such a possibility. The gargantuan multiyear contract it signed him to will pay him only a paltry portion in 2022. In the event of a suspension of less than a year, that guaranteed the salary lost for games he misses because of suspension would be negligible.

Watson would expect his union dues to kick in and have its legal wing come to his defense. But if I were a dues-paying member of his union, I wouldn't want union resources spent fighting for one member suspended for such lewd behavior, with Watson committing what the judge described as "... sexual assault by allegedly 'touching [his] penis to the women without their consent.' "

That's indefensible.

The only thing that might be assailable is the process that winds up earning Watson a harsher, more deserving penalty. The union could seek a federal judge to vacate Goodell's appeal decision. But Ezekiel Elliott, Tom Brady and Adrian Peterson ran the same play in attempts to get their league-issued suspensions overturned. They failed.

Goodell's office could decide to lengthen Robinson's suspension to less than a season, but that wouldn't meet demand. And demand is what this matter is all about.

After all, who knows what a proper punishment should be for Watson? He was twice nobilled by grand juries, which some in the public wrongly believe means he was exonerated. No bills don't exonerate. He settled with 23 of the 24 women who said he sexually assaulted them, including a few who identified themselves in interviews before television cameras. (A 25th lawsuit was withdrawn.) Some in the public wrongly believe that is evidence of his guilt. Settlements are not. They merely muffle complaints and reduce the financial impact on the subject of the finger pointing.

But both actions are as much a part of the public relations operation for Watson as Goodell's decision to reclaim the disciplining of a disgraceful player is for the commissioner and the league.

## Former UConn stars Stewart, Taurasi and others react to Paige Bueckers' ACL tear

Lila Bromberg  
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD, Conn. — When Breanna Stewart heard UConn women's basketball star Paige Bueckers had torn the ACL in her left knee this week, she couldn't help but think back to her own experience going through injuries, most notably an Achilles tendon tear in 2019.

Bueckers, who led the Huskies to the national title game last season after missing 19 games with an injury in the same knee, suffered the tear during a pickup game earlier this week. She will have surgery Friday and sit out the 2022-23 season.

"Really just devastated for Paige," Stewart said. "I'm sure she's asking herself why, and you don't know why. It's just gonna be her journey. It's gonna be her story. It's gonna be the way that she fights back through adversity."

Stewart and several former UConn stars spoke with The Hartford Courant on Thursday to share their reactions to Bueckers' injury, give insight into their own recoveries from major injuries, and offer perspective on where the Huskies go from here.

Diana Taurasi was well aware of how much work Bueckers was putting into her body with Huskies' strength and conditioning coach Andrea Hudy this summer, even electing to stay in Storrs over the last several weeks while the rest of her teammates went home. That makes the news of the injury that much more upsetting for the WNBA's all-time leading scorer.

"I feel bad for the kid," Taurasi said. "I heard she was looking amazing. And it's unfortunate for her, I know how much she wants to be on the court. An ACL is a long journey, but she's a tough kid and I'm sure she's gonna come back better than ever."

After hearing the news Stewart reached out to Bueckers to offer advice.

"I told her there's going to be good days and bad days," Stewart said. "There's going to be ups and downs, this roller coaster of a journey, but what's most important is that you show up. You show up every day, you do rehab, and she'll be back before she knows it."

Kia Nurse and Bria Hartley know what that journey is like from firsthand experience. Nurse tore her right ACL during Game 4 of the WNBA semifinals last season and is currently in the final stages of the rehab process. Hartley is just beginning hers after tearing the ACL in her left knee less than two weeks ago, a frustrating blow after suffering the same injury in her other knee during the 2020 season.

"I was just devastated for her just because I know it's a tough injury, and with last year her battling injuries as well," Hartley said. "But Paige is really resilient, she's just a really hard worker. So I mean, I think a lot of hard workers overcome this. And then it's just gonna be a battle. And I think it

makes you stronger as a person in the long run."

Much of that battle is mental. With how up and down things can be from one day to another during the rehab process, Hartley said she had to learn to give herself grace.

The tediousness of it all is what's gotten to Nurse the most.

"I mean, it's boring," Nurse said. "Every day is pretty much the same thing and it's redundant. And so, as competitors we always want to do more and get it done quicker, but you can't speed up time. And so that's probably the toughest thing is just having patience."

The first seven months of Nurse's rehab "were a breeze," but the last two months have been really hard from a mental standpoint. She's beyond eager to be back on the court, but has had to learn to listen to her body and do what's best for her career long term.

"We're getting there," Nurse said. "Once you tear your ACL, there's no date that you can circle on the calendar to come back on. So we've looked at after All-Star break as being the time to come back, and today is after All Star break, tomorrow is, and 10 days from now is too. So whenever it comes, it comes. Just waiting it out."

As she does so, UConn's coaching staff will be strategizing how best to pivot for the season. Bueckers has led the Huskies in points, assists and steals per game in each of the last two years, the first of which saw her receive multiple national player of the year honors.

"Obviously Paige carries a very heavy load for that team in what she's able to do on both ends of the floor," Nurse said. "So going back now, at least it's pre-season and you have time to see how kids have developed over the summer and what's new in their game. And then just having others step up and seeing what the freshmen can do as well stepping in to kind of fill that role."

Nurse and Taurasi both echoed sentiments that no one player can be expected to replace Bueckers or direct the offense the same way, rather it will be a collective effort.

"You're not going to be Paige, you're not gonna find another player who is Paige," Nurse said. "Each and every player has to step up just a little bit more than what they've done to kind of fill in those gaps."

Taurasi is confident if there's any coach and program suited to make those adjustments, it's Geno Auriemma and the Huskies.

"He's always been a mastermind of making the most out of what he has," Taurasi said. "Obviously, Paige is a big blow, she's a big part of what they do as a team. But he'll find a way to get the best out of the team and the incoming freshmen, and I have no doubt they're gonna have another great season. It just might look different, but you can count on them going a long way in the tournament."

## Raiders ease past Jaguars in Hall of Fame Game

Field Level Media

Jarrett Stidham and Ameer Abdullah rushed for second-quarter touchdowns Thursday night as the Las Vegas Raiders cruised to a 27-11 win over the Jacksonville Jaguars in the Hall of Fame Game in Canton, Ohio.

Daniel Carlson booted first-quarter field goals of 32 and 55 yards for Las Vegas, which dominated the first half against a Jacksonville team starting over under new coach Doug Pederson.

Neither team's starting quarterback saw the field except for warmups - Trevor Lawrence for the Jaguars, Derek Carr for the Raiders - but Las Vegas was certainly crisper and sharper during the brief time the teams played most of their projected starters.

Stidham and Nick Mullens took the snaps during the first three quarters for the Raiders. Stidham was 8 of 15 for 96 yards, while Mullens hit on 8 of 11 attempts for 72 yards. Las Vegas' Zamir White rushed for a game-high 52 yards on 11 carries.

Jacksonville's Jake Luton played the first half and completed 10 of 17 passes for 94 yards. Kyle Slotter went 13 for 25 for 127 yards after halftime, leading the Jaguars to their only points, a 46-yard field



Jacksonville Jaguars defensive tackle Israel Antwine (93) sacks Las Vegas Raiders quarterback Jarrett Stidham (3) in the third quarter during the Hall of Fame game at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium on Thursday.

goal by Elliott Fry late in the third quarter and a 5-yard touchdown pass to Nathan Cottrell with 3:26 remaining in the game.

The Raiders tacked on a fourth-quarter

touchdown when Austin Walter scored on an 8-yard run with 7:53 left.

The game started 40 minutes late because of thunderstorms.

# Kumar Rocker's parents, heritage and trials shaped Bunyanesque pitcher into pitching phenom

Brad Townsend  
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — The first time Kumar Rocker threw a baseball was to his mother, Lalitha, as Kumar's football-famous father, Tracy, stood nearby in the family's front yard.

So accurate was the throw that mother and father exchanged bemused glances. Kumar, after all, was only 2. Sheer luck, right?

Or so Lalitha and Tracy thought until their toddler's next delivery also was on the mark. As was the next ...

"He's going to be a pitcher," Lalitha said, teasingly.

"No," laughed 1988 Outland Trophy and Lombardi Award winner Tracy. "He's playing football."

Was it mother's intuition? Or karma? Right-hander Kumar, now 22, not only became a pitcher, but a flame-throwing College World Series hero for Vanderbilt and the No. 3 pick of last month's major league draft.

It's all the more serendipitous, Tracy and Lalitha say, that of all franchises it was the Rangers who drafted and signed Kumar.

When then-Arkansas defensive line coach Tracy and Lalitha took 4-year-old Kumar to his first major league game, it was to Globe Life Park in Arlington -- across the street from the future site of Globe Life Field, where Kumar on Thursday was feted with a welcome-to-the-Rangers news conference.

The kid who 18 years ago donned a Rangers cap and sat in wonder behind home plate with his parents, as they sipped margaritas, now stands 6-foot-5, weighs 245 pounds and has a luminous smile.

In time, he'll eventually face the pressure of being perpetually pitching-starved Texas' latest big hope, but as his parents and past coaches note, he's confronted expectations all his life and almost always prevailed.

"All I can say is look how God works: It's so incredible, how you can look back and see his hand in everything," said Lalitha, better known as Lu to family, friends and Vanderbilt fans.

The Rangers' drafting of Rocker occurred one year after the Mets selected him No. 10 overall, then withdrew a \$6 million contract agreement. Their reported concerns about the health of his pitching arm cast a shroud of doubt and mystery around Kumar's future.

Tracy Rocker last week became emotional during a telephone interview with The Dallas Morning News, between training camp practices and meetings in Philadelphia, where he the Eagles' second-year defensive line coach.

"I don't think anyone knows, except Lu and I, what he went through with the Mets, what he



Vanderbilt pitcher Kumar Rocker celebrates with teammates after completing an inning an NCAA baseball game against Mississippi at Swayze Field on May 14, 2021 in Oxford, Mississippi.

dealt with," he said.

"We're always preaching, 'Don't give up. Keep fighting. Stay positive.' But there weren't a lot of positive moments. Now all of a sudden it comes to fruition with the Texas Rangers. It was like, 'Wow.'"

Along with his 98-mph fastball and 70-grade slider, Rocker brings glittering credentials and a compelling backstory.

Son of a College Football Hall of Famer. Fiery, intimidating mound presence; a pitcher in a defensive end's body.

An only child who is proud of his dual heritage, the son of a Black dad and Indian mom.

"When I had him, I said 'You know what? We're going to give him an Indian first name so they know my half of the culture,'" Lu said.

In Hindi, Kumar means prince or young son.

"Mom, what am I?" young Kumar occasionally asked.

"You're Blindian," she'd respond. "Black Indian. How about that?" "Family values

Lu's parents, George and Evelyn Samuel, immigrated to the United States in 1965. Both had converted to Christianity, which in India required dropping their Hindu names for Biblical ones.

They settled in Maryland, where George finished his college education and embarked on a long career as Amtrak's director of capital accounting; Evelyn a 32-year stint at World Bank.

They gave their daughter and son Hindu

names, Lalitha and Sunder, and instilled Indian-Christian values, stressing education and the non-individualistic importance of contributing to society.

Tall for an Indian at nearly six feet, Lalitha played basketball and softball and attended a private Christian school in Takoma Park, a Washington, D.C. suburb.

While a student at the University of Maryland in 1989, she met Washington rookie tackle Tracy, coming off one of the greatest defensive seasons in college history at Auburn.

As much as she enjoyed the thrill of competing, in a sports sense Meeting the Rockers was a culture shock for Lalitha and the Samuels. They knew nothing about football, whereas Tracy and brother David were NFL players.

Tracy's parents, David and Mary, of course were football-knowledgeable, too.

"Tracy was funny," Lalitha said. "And as I got to know him and his work ethic, his outlook and approach to the game, the discipline, it was amazing. 'I'm coming from my little Indian culture where it was always education, education. For me to see this side of it was very exciting and interesting.'"

Injuries derailed Tracy's playing career after just two NFL seasons, sending he and Lalitha on a winding journey of coaching jobs, ultimately 12 of them in the past two decades. Fortunately Lu's vocation as an instructional designer enabled her to work anywhere.

When Kumar entered the world on Nov. 22, 1999 in Birmingham, Ala., Tracy was in his third season at Troy State. Following Indian custom, Evelyn Samuel came to live with the Rockers for 14 months helping to care for Kumar while Lu returned to work.

Little Kumar not only had the undivided love and attention of his parents, but two sets of grandparents, especially after the unexpected passing of his beloved Uncle Sunder, some of whose physical features the family still see in Kumar.

"My mother introduced chicken curry and rice, so Kumar's palate always has been Indian and American," Lu said. "There was chicken curry and rice and then his chicken tenders and French fries."

When Kumar was 3, grandfather George packed chips and orange soda and took him fishing - for 3 hours, thus introducing Kumar to what has become a lifelong passion.

George couldn't believe how quiet and attentive little Kumar remained that day. After Tracy became an assistant at Arkansas in 2003, head coach Houston Nutt likewise couldn't believe how quietly Kumar sat through practices and coaches' meetings.

Nutt's Razorbacks played in the 2008 Cotton Bowl, and his Ole Miss team returned the following January, earning the Rocker family two straight years of the bowl's renowned pampering.

"Kumar would always say, 'Why don't we move to Dallas?'" Tracy said. "Now, all of a sudden, he's in Dallas. It's kind of a dream come true." Legendary feats

Even as the Rocker family continued to move, with Kumar attending five schools in nine years, his burgeoning size, talent and natural discipline produced Bunyanesque tales.

During his elementary school days, Kumar would pitch and hit to Lu until Tracy returned from work. Often Tracy parked the car in the family's Fayetteville the backyard and turned on the headlights so Kumar could practice into the night.

Tracy drew a target on a hickory tree. Other times, Tracy and Lu gathered hickory nuts and arranged them in piles for Kumar to hit.

Tracy bought catchers mitts for both he and Lu. They taped pillows to themselves for protection, but as Kumar's velocity and variety of pitches increased, they realized he needed professional instruction.

Even so, Tracy took Kumar to major league spring camps in Florida, not just for Kumar to watch and learn, but so Tracy could educate himself about baseball training.

Competitiveness? That came naturally for Kumar, whether he was playing quarterback, tight end, defensive end, third base or pitcher.

"Because of football, he's a very intense person," Tracy said. "And as you play the game, it all comes out."

The first time Tracy's parents came to see Kumar pitch, they asked where he was. Tracy pointed

to the pitching mound.

"Oh my God," Mary Rocker exclaimed. "That's not the little boy we see running around the house and in the yard."

Tracy taught Kumar that, much like a quarterback, his mound demeanor often dictated the attitude and body language of teammates.

And sports, Kumar came to realize, were his most seamless way of fitting in as he moved from school-to-school. Especially for a kid who immediately stood out because of his size and skin color.

"I think he gained a lot of strength every time that we moved," Lu said. "Knowing who he is and staying true to who he is, regardless of where he was and what situation he was in." Motivational "Teddy Bear"

Jay Lasley coached Rocker's last three baseball seasons at Georgia's North Oconee High. He is coming off a 39-1 state title season at North Oconee, but there is no subject he enjoys more than his years of coaching Rocker.

"As a high school coach, the 95-to-98 mile-per-hour fastball is phenomenal," Lasley said. "But to be able to coach a young man who gets it from a team and teammate standpoint, it was just so impressive."

Rocker stories are legend at North Oconee. His batted-ball exit velocity of 107 remains the school record. When he pitched, the sheer force of his size-16 left cleat hitting the mound's landing area caused the clay to "explode," usually necessitating a major repair by the third inning.

Rocker so often asked Lasley for the fieldhouse key so that he could lift weights or get in batting practice swings at night that Lasley began leaving the key in his home mailbox.

When Rocker's deadlift max neared 500 pounds, Lasley had to caution him against overtaxing his body. Before Rocker's senior season, another year of major league scouts flocking to practices and games, Rocker expressed concern to Lasley that he didn't want fellow seniors to have their seasons overshadowed.

Before practices, Rocker often stopped by Lasley's office to ask whether any teammates needed extra encouragement or motivation that day.

Lasley often teased Rocker that his menacing scowl on the mound reminded him of three-time World Series champion and former Ranger Dave Stewart. Off the field, though, "he was a big Teddy bear." Younger kids were drawn to him.

Before Kumar's senior year, Tracy's boss, Mark Richt, was fired as Georgia's coach. Rather than seek immediate re-employment, Tracy took a year off to attend all of Kumar's games, recruiting trips and his USA Baseball U18 team's trip to Canada, where it won the world title.

"In college, I was always helping other young men grow and get better, not just as football players, but as people," Tracy said. "But in my mind and my heart, I want to raise my own child, and so that was a very important time for me."

"Even now, being in the NFL, yeah, it's a long season, but it creates a little more time for me to be with my own family and my own child." Love of the game

Giving up football was difficult for Kumar. How hard? After making the decision the summer before his junior year of high school, he slept with his helmet near his bed until the coach asked him to turn it in several games into the season.

As much as Kumar loved football, baseball had captured his whole heart.

In 2018 he wasn't selected until the 38th round, by Colorado, due to signability concerns. Those concerns were well-founded. Rocker already had orally committed to Vanderbilt.

And Lu was rather emphatic that he attend college.

"When we recruited them, she said, 'My son's going to college,' " Vanderbilt coach Tim Corbin said. "You've heard those words come out of parents' mouths before, but no one as determined as Lu Rocker."

Late in the recruiting process, Vanderbilt played a series against Tennessee in Knoxville. Corbin and his wife Maggie stayed behind to have dinner with the Rockers.

An hour into the dinner, Kumar barely had said a word. The Corbins glanced at one another. Tim recalls being concerned that Kumar was detached, that he had decided to turn professional.

"He stands up just before we leave," Corbin said. "He said, 'Coach, I want to tell you something. I'm going to be one of the best teammates you've ever coached.'"

Four years later, Corbin still marvels about that moment. Especially since Rocker made every word come true.

"There was no maintenance to coaching that kid," Corbin said. "He was one of the best competitors we've ever had inside this culture. And he certainly was one of the best teammates we've ever had inside this culture."

Corbin said Rocker was undeserving of what happened with the Mets. He said Rocker predictably used the year to fine-tune his body, to prepare himself physically and mentally for whichever organization drafted him next.

To prove the Mets wrong.

Tracy and Lu Rocker, too, are proud and grateful. During Kumar's stint earlier this summer with the independent Frontier League's TriCity Valley-Cats, he called home after a 12-hour bus ride.

Kumar told his parents that he slept on the floor of the bus. And loved it.

"Yeah, he was the only child, and as parents, we're fortunate that we were able to help him," Tracy said. "But can also can say we made sure that it wasn't pristine."

"That he had to go through some grimy. He likes the grimy part. He understands that it ain't always going to be perfect."

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 (1) 7:01 pm - Matt and Dawn Cavagnaro, 1044 Newton Hill Road, Valatie - Minor Subdivision, 33.-1-84;  
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 Said Hearing(s) to be held on the 18th day of August, 2022, at the Kinderhook Town Hall, 3211 Church Street, Valatie, NY, at which time all interested parties will be given the opportunity to be heard. Additional information regarding these applications can be obtained by contacting the Secretary for the Planning Board. By Order of the Board. Respectfully submitted, Nataly D. Jones, Secretary to the Board

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor of the City of Hudson, New York, following a public hearing held on August 2, 2022, approved the following Local Law which was adopted by the Common Council on July 19, 2022:

**Local Law No. 5 of 2022** - A Local Law allowing members of all city boards and bodies to participate in meetings by videoconference, using remote access technology.

Complete text of the above law is on file and may be examined at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall during regular office hours. The law may also be viewed on the city website [www.cityofhudson.org](http://www.cityofhudson.org)

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**CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos**

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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 A Z M X . . . W U Z M ' S C Y M S . . . E W Z J W M A  
 S Z K O S O J J W M X D O S T Y S W A T Z R J U  
 K O K Y C J W M X B W X T S M Z C . " — E O B Y  
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Previous Solution: "I don't think through anything I do. I just do it, and it's oftentimes landed me in huge amounts of trouble." — James Gunn

TODAY'S CLUE: *A spenbe N*

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# At Citi Open, it's grind and survive in the heat of a D.C. summer

Liz Clarke

The Washington Post

There was one thing more valuable than the best seat in the house at Washington's Citi Open on Thursday: a patch of shade.

Short of that, a wide-brimmed hat and water bottle were essential survival gear as temperatures soared above 95 degrees amid a National Weather Service heat advisory, with the afternoon humidity making conditions at Rock Creek Park Tennis Center all the worse.

For players competing on the hard courts, which ratchet up temperatures even more, it was enough to trigger the Women's Tennis Association's extreme-heat protocol, which requires giving players a 10-minute break after the second set of a three-set match to exit the court for a change of clothes, quick shower or both.

"I was dreaming about the heat rule," Liudmila Samsonova said during her on-court interview after dispatching Ajla Tomljanovic, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, in a sweat-fest that lasted 2 hours 22 minutes.

Their match started at midday on Stadium Court, and temperatures climbed steadily. Samsonova placed an icebag wrapped in a towel on the back of her neck during changeovers. After she claimed the second set to draw even, she got the reprieve for which she had longed. "It helped a lot," she said of the 10-minute pause. "I took a shower; changed the clothes."

With heat depleting everyone's energy, the tournament grounds were oddly subdued. On the black asphalt walkways that wind around the courts, spectators took turns standing in front of the "Power Breezer," industrial size fan that shoots out a spray of water along with a gush of air - akin to a car-wash without suds or bristles.

With virtually every remaining player in action Thursday - including five who were scheduled to compete in both singles and doubles - the trainers who travel the men's and women's pro circuit to tape ankles, knead muscles, make initial diagnoses and dispense treatment were kept busy.

Second-seeded Emma Raducanu took on Colombia's Camila Osorio on Stadium Court in full sun at 2:30 p.m., and the first set alone lasted 79 minutes, littered with service breaks and unforced errors.

Looking on from Raducanu's box was Dimitry Tursunov, who is coaching the reigning U.S. Open champion for the first time at this tournament on a trial basis. Tursunov spent



Liudmila Samsonova hits a forehand against Ajla Tomljanovic on day four of the Citi Open at Rock Creek Park Tennis Center on Thursday.

GEOFF BURKE/USA TODAY

much of the match keeping his eyes locked on his charge while shrouding his head with a towel.

"I think I died about three times in that match," Raducanu said on court after her 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (7-4) victory.

Under the WTA's extreme heat policy, the chair umpire doesn't have latitude to extend the time limit between serves, according to WTA supervisor Kerrilyn Cramer. But Raducanu and Osorio got an extra reprieve twice in the second set when each summoned the trainer to tape blisters that worsened amid the heat and sweat.

Osorio needed a big toe taped; Raducanu, her right hand.

The chance to simply sit for the treatment seemed curative in itself as the match passed the two hour, 30-minute mark.

Sweden's Mikael Ymer said he was grateful to have played on clay last week in Umag, Croatia, where he said it was even hotter and, as a result, helped him acclimate to Washington's heat.

"Conditions are very tough," Ymer said after advancing to Friday's quarterfinals with a 6-3, 6-7 (3-7), 6-4 victory over Emil Ruusuvuori. "I think we are playing one of the toughest sports on this planet because, besides dealing with the heat, you also have to constantly make so many decisions. I run a lot, because my dad was a runner. . . . When I run in the heat, I can just focus [on the] next step [and] grind it out. But [in tennis], you're grinding and, at the same time, you have this opponent that you have to beat."

By late afternoon, the skies above Rock Creek Park Tennis Center darkened, and the first crack of thunder erupted at 6 p.m. just as fourth-seeded Reilly Opelka and 2019 Citi Open champion Nick Kyrgios stepped onto court.

Play was suspended 15 minutes later because of lightning.

At that moment, Hyattsville native Frances Tiafoe, 24, was deadlocked in the first set of his match against No. 8 seed Botic van de Zandschulp.

Tiafoe, who learned to play at College Park's Junior Tennis Champions Center, is currently ranked 27th in the world, close to his career high of No. 25, and is brimming with confidence after reaching Wimbledon's fourth round.

He has won just one ATP title during his seven seasons on tour (the 2018 Delray Beach Open) and said earlier this week that he would love to claim his second at Washington's Citi Open, which he started attending at age 4. He recalled his childhood awe in seeing such tennis greats as Lleyton Hewitt, Andre Agassi and Juan Martin del Potro, among others.

"To win this tournament would mean the world to me," Tiafoe said after defeating fellow American Chris Eubanks on Wednesday. ". . . To have my name around the stadium [where champions' names are listed] would mean a lot to me."

A fan favorite with family and lifelong friends in the Washington area, Tiafoe said he and his agent were doing their best to fill 56 requests for tickets.

"I had 56 reasons why I wanted to win today," Tiafoe said. "A lot of people came to see me play and hopefully win."

Earlier Thursday, third-seeded Taylor Fritz, the top-ranked American, retired from his match against Britain's Dan Evans, trailing 1-4 in the third set.

Conditions promised to fall hardest on those scheduled to play both singles and doubles matches Thursday. That included Tiafoe, Kyrgios, Evans, Van de Zandschulp and, in the women's event, Xiyu Wang of China.

In such cases, tour policy states that a player does not start his or her second match of the day until "after suitable rest."

Under WTA rules, Cramer explained in an email, a tour official meets with the player after her singles match to determine whether she needs medical treatment or a meal before resuming play.

In cases of extreme heat, the tour would be a bit more "generous," Cramer said. But as a rule, a 90-minute break is allotted between matches.

"The 'heat' factor might have us extend it out by maybe 15 more minutes but not more," Cramer wrote. "Players also want to balance if they wait too long, they are here until later today and then need to come back and play the next day. So all these factors are considered."



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# Family's dismissal of career no longer a joke

Dear Abby,  
I graduated from college with a degree in a niche field. In my graduating class of nearly 7,000, there were only four of us with this specific degree. I now have a career in the field I majored in. I love what I do and take pride in it. The problem is my family. For whatever reason, my parents and siblings don't seem to want to remember what I do. When people back home ask what I'm up to, they come up with vague or dismissive answers.

When they tell me about it later, they seem to think it's funny. The first few times I could laugh about it too, but this has been going on for years. Their one-sided running gag has grown old. I don't care that they're not interested in what I do, but I feel humiliated and hurt when they act so dismissive of it to other people. It happened again a few days ago, while I was out with my family at an event. A family member intentionally messed up the name of my workplace multiple times (even after I had corrected him) while talking to a volunteer. Although I managed to step in, it's still weighing on me. I have tried explaining what I do numerous times. It's not confusing. I have even suggested they use broader alternatives (if they would say I'm an ecologist, I would be thrilled). Nothing has changed. I'm left wondering if this runs deeper than a joke and they don't actually take me seriously. Do I need to be more blunt? Should I tell them this has crossed the line from funny to hurtful? Or am I blowing this out of proportion?  
Hurt in the West



DEAR ABBY  
**JEANNE PHILLIPS**

You may be putting more energy into this than it deserves. You know the importance of the work you do. Your relative(s) may be jealous of your accomplishments or so intellectually limited that they can't remember the word "ecologist." If you are present when this happens, feel free to correct the mistake as you did, but do it with humor.

Dear Abby,  
Please share some thoughts about answering the phone on speaker. My lifelong friend does this. Sometimes I'm aware her husband is in the room. Recently, though, we were on speaker phone when she told me she was going to the beauty salon. When the call connected to her vehicle, I assumed she was by herself. We continued our VERY personal conversation (I was doing the talking) until she got to her destination. That's when she told me THEY had arrived! I didn't realize anyone else was in the car. Am I wrong to be upset that she allowed me to do all the talking while her husband listened in without my knowledge? She could have easily switched from a speaker to a private call, considering the nature of the discussion.

Mad in Missouri

You're not wrong to be upset. I would be, too. If your friend understood that it was supposed to be a confidential conversation, she should have told you she wasn't alone or ended the call. Tell her this made you feel invaded and, if you plan to continue your relationship with her, set some ground rules for future phone conversations.

## Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

Born today, you are a powerful individual with the ability to affect others merely by your presence, and no one knows how to walk into a room quite the way you do. Indeed, you make such a strong first impression that there are those who insist they know you well even though they've never encountered you a second time, and your ability to capture the attention of others is unmatched among those born under your sign.

Your generosity begins at home, and when it comes to your family — and small circle of close friends — there is nothing you will not do to make them happy. Despite being quite self-absorbed when it comes to your work, at home you are virtually selfless, doing all that is necessary to ensure peace and harmony within your four walls.

Also born on this date are: Lucille Ball, actress and producer; Andy Warhol, artist; Geri Halliwell, singer; Robert Mitchum, actor; Vera Farmiga, actress; Alexander Fleming, scientist; M. Night Shyamalan, director and screenwriter.

To see what is in store for you tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — While others rearrange their schedules to accommodate yours, you must be sure that what you are doing is as efficient and progressive as possible.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — The first few steps may be the hardest to take today — but once you get moving, you'll be able to steer clear of anything that can slow you down.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — It's important to

get the rest you need, but where will you find the time? You must be willing to say "no" today to one or two propositions.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Financial issues are at the fore, and you ignore them at your peril today. You must be willing to take a few difficult steps at this time.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You must be willing to maneuver freely today when the unexpected comes your way. Someone you know will clarify some ground rules for you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your unique position allows you to be involved only up to a point, after which you'll be able to remove yourself from a tricky situation.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Now is no time for games — though you can certainly enjoy the work you have before you. Your choice of a temporary partner causes a stir.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) — You receive numerous messages today that seem promising, but only one or two later in the day give you the information you really need.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — You receive an unusual reaction from one who is usually perfectly aligned with your motives and methods. A subtle change may be required.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — The pace may be slower than usual today, but that doesn't mean you can ease up in any sense. Indeed, you may have to work harder than usual.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) — While others may not understand what you are truly after, today you can narrow your focus and prepare yourself for one final push.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — You'll enjoy the chance to catch up with a friend who has been out of the picture for a while — but don't let yourself be taken advantage of.

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## Goren bridge

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### STEPPING STONE

East-West vulnerable, South deals

#### NORTH

♠ J 5 4  
♥ A 8 5 3  
♦ K 7 6 3  
♣ 9 5

#### WEST

♠ 7 2  
♥ 9 2  
♦ Q 8 5  
♣ A K Q 10 4 3

#### EAST

♠ 9 6  
♥ J 10 7 6 4  
♦ A J 4 2  
♣ J 2

#### SOUTH

♠ A K Q 10 8 3  
♥ K Q  
♦ 10 9  
♣ 8 7 6

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	3♣	3♠	Pass
4♠	All pass		

Opening lead: Ace of ♣

Today's deal was played by Phillip Silverstein, one of many excellent players in the New York City area.

West started with two high clubs, East playing the jack and then the two, showing a doubleton. A diamond shift would have defeated the contract but that was not easy to see. West chose

to continue with a third round of clubs, hoping East could score a ruff. Silverstein prevented instant defeat by ruffing with dummy's jack of spades, but he now had a new problem — there was no longer an entry to dummy's ace of hearts.

Silverstein solved this problem neatly by cashing all six of his trumps. This was the position with East to play:

#### NORTH

♠ Void  
♥ A 8 5  
♦ K  
♣ Void

#### WEST

♠ Void  
♥ 9 2  
♦ Q 8  
♣ Void

#### EAST

♠ Void  
♥ J 10 7  
♦ A J  
♣ Void

#### SOUTH

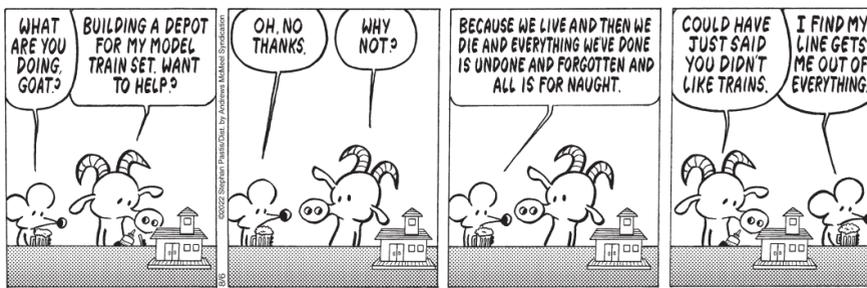
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### Pickles



### Pearls Before Swine



### Classic Peanuts



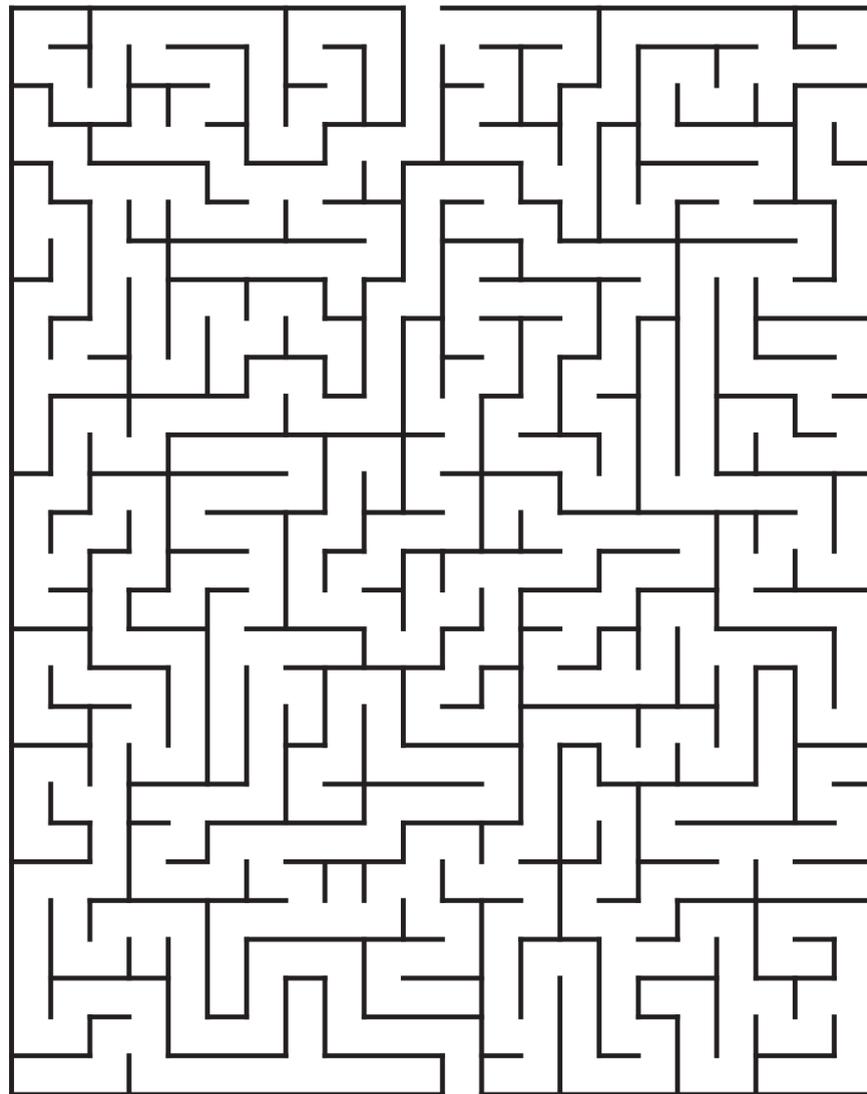
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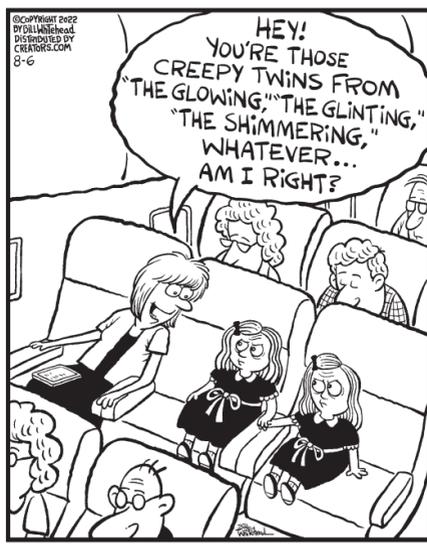


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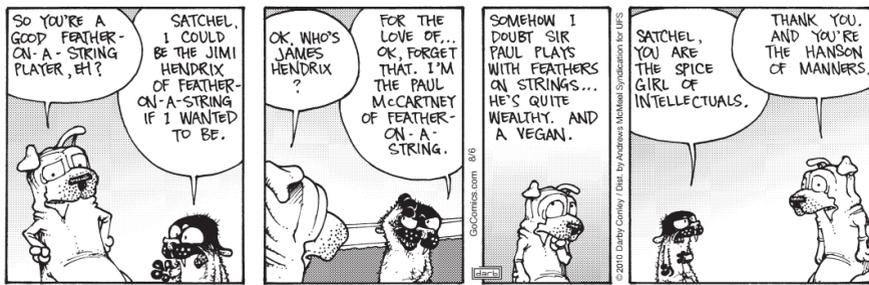
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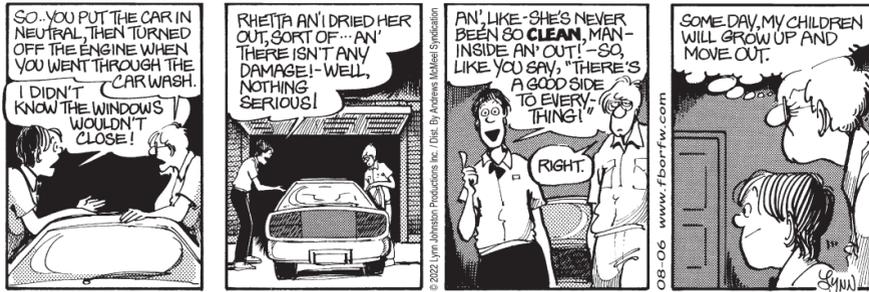
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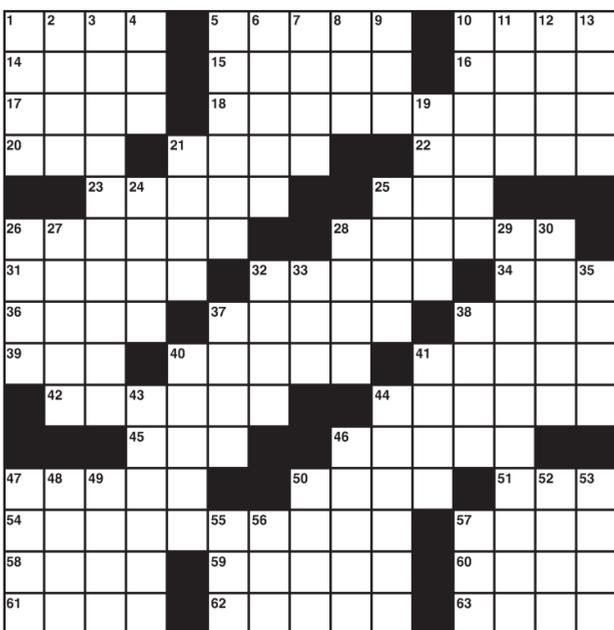


For Better or For Worse



Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- Discourteous
  - Go rollerblading
  - Injure with a dagger
  - Sandwich cookie
  - Uncanny
  - Toothpaste container
  - As strong \_\_\_ ox
  - Extraordinary
  - June honoree
  - Head toppers
  - Staircase piece
  - Gathers crops
  - Felon
  - Pilot an airplane
  - Many a Midwesterner
  - Britches
  - Rub enough to make sore
  - Runner Sebastian
  - Breakfast fare
  - Layered rock
  - Grand \_\_\_; Pontiac of past decades
  - Girl's nickname
  - Embezzled
  - Ascended
  - Before today, in poetry
  - Spheres of the world
  - Hors d'oeuvres table bowlful
  - Mea \_\_\_
  - Undress
  - \_\_\_ on; victimize
  - Small number
  - Surgical center schedulings
  - Strove for the trophy
  - Compass direction
  - Bumbling
  - Frosted
  - Prepares Easter eggs
  - Sulks
  - \_\_\_ out; invites for a date
- DOWN**
- \_\_\_ to Rio"; Crosby/Hope film
  - \_\_\_ Major; Big Dipper constellation
  - Exact look-alike
  - Geologic period
  - Colorful shawl
  - Hangs on to
  - Up in \_\_\_; irate
  - Ministroke, for short
  - Suffix for racket or musket
  - Laundry problems
  - Vats
  - Suffix for respect or adapt
  - Cold one
  - Denmark's dollar
  - Hit Broadway musical
  - Polishes off
  - Lunch spot
  - Jungle beasts
  - Unclear; imprecise
  - Curly cabbage
  - Gymnast's specialty
  - Disturbing sound
  - Soldier's meal
  - Actor Holbrook
  - Former loves
  - Word in a red octagon



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Friday's Puzzle Solved



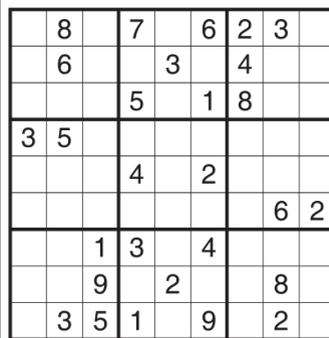
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- Item on stage
- Take potshots
- Actress Sheedy
- Royal commands
- Company
- Thin pancake
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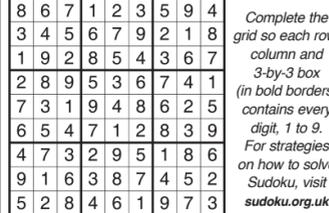
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Level 1 2 3 4



Solution to Friday's puzzle 8/6/22



Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [sudoku.org.uk](http://sudoku.org.uk)

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

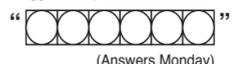
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.



(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: RIGID TRICK ENGINE AMBUSH  
Answer: The mosquitoes' comments about the humans were - BITING REMARKS

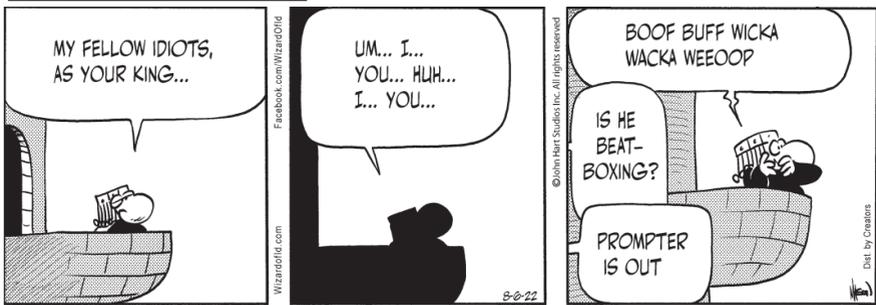
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... all you need to know for the upcoming week and beyond ...

# R-E-L-A-X

## Taking a cruise could cost less than filling your gas tank

Fuel prices have hit flights and drives, but cruise fares remain affordable

By ALEXIS BENVENISTE

Washington Post

Travel is not cheap right now. For those who want to escape this summer, that means splurging, whether you're filling your tank for a road trip or buying a pricey flight. But there's

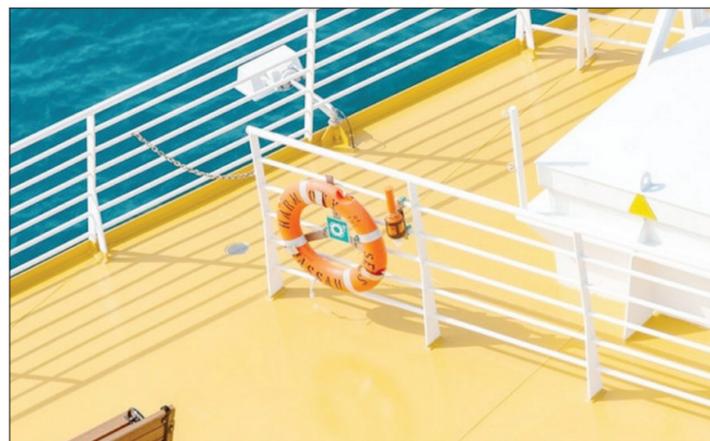
an exception these days: cruises.

Cruise fares remain cheap as the industry recovers from pandemic lows. In fact, depending on your vehicle and where you're driving, going on a cruise might cost you less than filling your gas tank.

"If you talk to anyone who has traveled — or attempted to travel — this summer, you're likely to hear a horror story," said Chris Gray Faust, managing editor of Cruise Critic.

"The one area of travel bucking that unfortunate trend is cruising."

Flights skyrocketed in price this summer, and on top of that, many are getting delayed or completely canceled. Hotels are expensive, too, and coping with labor shortages. Vacation rentals are picked over. Driving isn't the budget-friendly option it once was, either.



Cruise cabins are still available for last-minute trips this summer and fall, and they're some of the most affordable seen in awhile. Pexels

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From left, Daniel Kaluuya, Keke Palmer and Brandon Perea star in "Nope." The Jordan Peele film is a Western in more than one sense, an idea borne out by Kaluuya's taciturn heroism and the ragtag crew that soon comes together, mounting a brave stand against a nameless hunter that soon becomes the hunted. Universal Pictures/TNS

## Say yup to Jordan Peele's 'Nope'

It's the rare thriller Hollywood can look up to

By JUSTIN CHANG

Los Angeles Times

Given all the surreally unnerving sights there are to see in Jordan Peele's "Nope" — a debris-choked windstorm, a weirdly undulating tunnel, a circular is-that-what-I-think-it-is gliding in and out of the clouds — it seems fitting that one of the movie's most arresting images should be of a pair of eyes. Those eyes, wide and terrified, belong to a Southern California horse rancher named O.J. Haywood (Daniel Kaluuya), who peers up from the darkness of a stalled truck as something very big and very bad looms overhead. Until now, during much of the story's slow, suggestive build-up, O.J.'s gaze has been downcast and hard to read, reflecting an indifference that verges on exhaustion. It takes a lot to shock those eyes wide open, but what he sees now gets his attention, to say nothing of ours.

You probably remember Kaluuya's eyes staring into the sunken-place void of 2017's "Get Out," a triumph of socially conscious horror that proved his and Peele's breakthrough. Their latest collaboration, though also solicitous of your shivers, has something rather in mind. The

labyrinthine funhouses and shadowy, subterranean depths of "Get Out" — and also of Peele's messier, more ambitiously scaled 2019 freakout, "Us" — have given way to a vast kill zone of wide open spaces and bright desert sunshine, shot in magnificently dusty vistas by Hoyte Van Hoytema (known for his frame-filling Imax work on Christopher Nolan's "Interstellar" and "Dunkirk").

And so while evil still lurks within, as it often does in Peele's movies, here it also swoops and soars overhead in a cheekily outlandish story that the writer-director seems to have cooked up during an epic binge of "War of the Worlds" (both versions), "The Day the Earth Stood Still," "The Thing From Another World" (and its better-known remake, "The Thing"), "Signs," "Arrival" and especially "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." Peele is nothing if not a pop-culture savant, and here he drops any number of classic Hollywood allusions — the spinning cyclone from "The Wizard of Oz," the cropduster sequence from "North by Northwest" — as easily as he tosses out a reference to "Saturday Night Live" and, by extension, the larger sketch-comedy world where he began his career.

But Peele's movie love, sincere and sometimes goofy as it is (watch for multiple nods to the Dwayne Johnson action vehicle

"The Scorpion King"), also comes with a serrated edge. Perhaps his most pointed citation here is to "The Horse in Motion" (1878), Eadweard Muybridge's two-second black-and-white clip of a man riding a horse. In "Nope," that jockey — a rare Black man in a white-dominated profession — is conceived as a distant relation of O.J. and his upbeat younger sister, Em (a terrific Keke Palmer), who run a Hollywood horse-wrangling business that's been in their family for generations. ("Since the moment pictures could move, we had skin in the game," Em beams before a visibly bored camera crew.) Even as it plays fast and loose with the facts, then, "Nope" establishes itself as something of an ethically minded Hollywood history lesson, with a particular focus on the industry's long, brutal record of animal accidents and abuses on set.

This connection is driven home by a few horrifying if discreetly framed flashbacks to an old '90s family sitcom whose chimpanzee star, Gordy, would appear to have been at least partially inspired by a real-life simian celebrity named Travis. If that doesn't ring a bell, resist the urge to Google; you're better off hearing Gordy's story in the words of a former co-star, Ricky "Jupe" Park (Steven Yeun). Decades later, wearing a cowboy hat and a chillingly blank half-smile, Jupe now runs Jupiter's Claim, a small

### 'NOPE'

**MPAA RATING:** R (for language throughout and some violence/bloody images)  
**RUNNING TIME:** 2:10  
**HOW TO WATCH:** In theaters now

Old West theme park in Agua Dulce. Not far away is the Haywoods' lonely ranch, which has fallen on tough times since the mysterious death of O.J. and Em's father (Keith David), and which Jupe wants to absorb into his cowboy-kitsch empire. All this is taking place barely 50 miles north of Los Angeles, in a stretch of desert that — with its brightly colored inflatable skydancers and pennant streamers — sometimes suggests a used-car lot and sometimes feels like a Hollywood dumping ground.

There's a lot going on here, in other words, even before "Nope" turns our attention toward that giant disc flying ominously overhead, unleashes a hellish rain over the Haywoods' ranch and cranks up the volume on its shrieking, juddering soundtrack. (There are moments when Michael Abels' nerve-shredding score plays like a veritable symphony of human screams.) But if the story is a welter of subplots, tangents and ideas — to the point of being overly taken at times

See NOPE C2

## Eager for a night of outdoor movies?

It's easy with the right projector

By JIM ROSSMAN

Dallas Morning News

My wife is enamored with the idea of outdoor movie nights.

You've probably seen them in commercials or TV shows, where people are sitting on blankets or lawn chairs watching a movie projected on a sheet in the back yard or on a camping trip.

Seems great, right?

I agree, but when I see those outdoor movie night scenes, all I can think of is, "That's a lot of equipment to bring out to the backyard" — including a projector, a laptop, a way to power the projector and speakers for decent sound.

I guess I'm not as romantic as my wife.

This week, I'm reviewing a projector that would make outdoor movie nights a lot easier.

### ONE SMALL PACKAGE

The EZCast Beam J4a portable projector (\$242.99, amazon.com) is small enough to fit in your hand, but don't let that fool you. It can throw a 100-inch diagonal image on a sheet, portable screen or even the side of the garage.

The J4a can run from an AC cord, but it also has a built-in rechargeable battery that will run for up to four hours.

It has a built-in speaker, but as you might guess, the speaker isn't all that big and you'll probably want to look for better options. Luckily, EZCast gives you a few options for improving the audio.

The projector has a 3.5-millimeter headphone jack on the back, so you can connect a set of computer speakers, and it also has Bluetooth, so you can connect it wirelessly to a Bluetooth speaker.

The projector uses DLP technology from Texas Instruments, and the picture is bright and clear, but it looks better in a darkened room or outdoors at night. The lamp has a brightness of 300 lumens.

It does not output HD video. The output resolution is 854 by 480 pixels, which is standard definition (think regular DVD, not Blu-ray). It looks just fine for backyard movie night, but I don't think you'd want a

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Jamie Lee Curtis stars in "Halloween Kills." Universal Pictures/TNS

# Trailer teases final horror showdown

Jamie Lee Curtis, Michael Myers to battle it out in 'Halloween Ends'

By KENAN DRAUGHORNE  
Los Angeles Times

"Halloween" is coming to an end, but not before one final showdown between Jamie Lee Curtis and Michael Myers.

The official trailer for "Halloween Ends" has arrived, promising a horrifying climax to complete the "Halloween" trilogy. Over suspenseful strings, we see a barrage of jump scares and screams, culminating in a snippet of the do-or-die struggle between Myers and Curtis' Laurie Strode.

The upcoming movie follows 2021's "Halloween Kills" and 2018's "Halloween," all of which starred Curtis and were directed by David Gordon Green. Even though there have been 12 films since the franchise's inception ("Halloween Ends" will be No. 13), the 2018 flick was considered a direct sequel to the 1978 original.

"Trick or treat?" Curtis tweeted a few minutes before the new trailer dropped Tuesday night,

attempting to get fans excited. "Were you a good person today? Do you deserve some eye candy?"

Last year's "Halloween Kills" smashed its opening weekend box office, soaring past its projected \$35-\$40 million and landing at \$50.4 million, according to estimates from Comscore, a measurement firm. The movie was simultaneously released in theaters and NBCUniversal's "Peacock" streaming service.

Speaking to the L.A. Times last year about "Halloween Kills," Kyle Richards — who will reprise her role as Lindsey Wallace in the finale — talked about the challenges of returning to the big screen after a stint on "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills." She'll be stepping into the shoes of the same character she played in the original 1978 movie.

"Things have changed with hair and makeup now," she said. "They're, like, 'Oh, we have to do this lewk.' I'll say, 'It doesn't look like me, so why do I have to wear it?' They're like, 'You want to look current, don't you?' I've had the same hair since 'Little House on the Prairie.'"

"Halloween Ends" is set to be released on Oct. 14.

# Movies

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projector of this size or resolution to replace the TV or projector in your living room.

## GETTING IT SETUP

Once you unbox the J4a, the first order of business is to install the wireless dongle, which comes packed separately. There is a recessed USB port on the back of the projector that is designed to receive the wireless dongle, which resembles a small flash drive. Once the dongle is in place, it sits flush with the back, and there isn't an easy way to remove it.

I'm not sure why the dongle isn't installed at the factory or why Wi-Fi isn't just built-in, but the installation took about three seconds.

Once you power on the projector, you can enter the settings and set up the Wi-Fi connection.

There are buttons on the top of the projector that allow you to navigate around the screen and enter text for logins and passwords.

There is also a very slick remote control that needs two AAA batteries (not included) that allows for easier screen navigation.

The remote uses Bluetooth and must be paired to the projector before use. Once paired, when you are using the remote, a pointer shows up on the projector screen and you can move the pointer by waving the remote in the air. It is pretty slick.

## CONNECTIONS

The J4a gives you several ways to project your video content.

It has built-in Wi-Fi and it has a processor running the Android 10 operating system.

This means the projector can connect to a Wi-Fi network or hotspot mode on your cell phone to stream video from the internet.

It is amazing to think this small projector can sit in the middle of your backyard and stream Netflix or Disney+ with no wires at all.

It also has an HDMI port so you can connect a laptop, phone or tablet with an HDMI

output.

The J4a has a USB port so you can play video files stored on a flash drive.

Finally, the last way to connect is wirelessly.

The company is called EZ-Cast, after all, so one might surmise that it would allow you to "cast" wirelessly to the projector.

You can wirelessly cast video from an iOS or Android phone or tablet or from a Windows or Macintosh computer.

To cast, the projector and phone, tablet or computer need to be on the same Wi-Fi network. Getting the wireless casting set up took me about 20 minutes, which isn't a huge amount of time, but I would not call it a simple setup.

Getting the projector to talk to my Wi-Fi network took four or five tries, and when I thought everything was set up right, the projector was supposed to show up in the list for screen mirroring on my iPhone or Mac.

I'm not sure why things took so long, but after messing with the settings and restarting things for about 15 minutes, the projector finally showed up in the settings of my phone and laptop and I was able to cast without issue.

I did notice there was a bit of lag between the video and the audio, so the voices were out of sync to the lips of the people speaking. This wasn't an issue with HDMI or flash drive videos or with streaming.

## HOW DID IT WORK?

The J4a is a very nice option for outdoor movie night.

I added a Bluetooth speaker into the mix to improve the sound, and getting a portable screen or even a nice white sheet will make the picture look great.

The projector ships with a tiny tripod and a carry bag.

Pros: Easy to carry, decent battery life, many ways to connect.

Cons: Setup could be easier, no HD output, tiny speaker.

Bottom line: My wife is already planning our outdoor movie schedule.

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Daniel Kaluuya, left, and Keke Palmer in "Nope." Universal Pictures

# Nope

From C1

with its own conceptual daring — Peele's visual craft shows an admirable finesse and discretion. He long ago absorbed the key lesson of "Jaws," namely that what we don't see is almost always scarier than what we do see, and that delayed gratification can amplify the power of suggestion. And so for a lengthy stretch he keeps his secret weapon a legitimate secret, with the unspoken assurance that everything (or at least a lot) will be revealed in due course.

In the meantime, you can savor the prickles of comic tension between O.J. and Em, and appreciate how Kaluuya's and Palmer's initially clashing rhythms — his slow and dour, hers fast and excitable — gradually come to complement each other as their characters join forces. You might also reflect on all the Western iconography in Ruth De Jong's meticulous production design, from the Haywoods' dwindling stable of horses and the phony saloon exteriors of Jupiter's Claim to the way that saucer in the sky, from certain angles, resembles

the underside of a giant cowboy hat. "Nope" is a Western in more than one sense, an idea borne out by Kaluuya's taciturn heroism and the ragtag crew — including a friendly electronics-store employee, Angel (the likable Brandon Perea) — that soon comes together, mounting a brave stand against a nameless hunter that soon becomes the hunted.

As in "Us," Peele shows a fondness for Old Testament scripture, opening here with a grim quote from the prophet Nahum: "I will cast abominable filth at you, make you vile, make you a spectacle." That latter word, "spectacle," is crucial; it sets the stage for Peele's inquiry into the business of exploiting Mother Nature's creations — be they chimp or horse — for the purposes of mass entertainment. But it also suggests another kind of spectacle, the kind that transforms casual observers into camera-wielding obsessives, driving them to risk their lives and minds to prove that otherworldly phenomena exist. What binds this movie so closely to "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" has less to do with alien visitors, in the end, than with the

fervent curiosity that they can inspire. Some version of that obsession grabs hold of O.J., Em, Jupe and Angel; it also consumes a local cinematographer, Antlers (Michael Wincott, channeling Robert Shaw), who fuels their determination to capture incontrovertible evidence of what they're seeing.

In some ways, then, "Nope" is a movie about the challenge of getting the perfect shot, an aim that Peele shares on a practical and artistic level — there's no shortage of well-framed, jaw-dropping images — even as he cautions against it in the abstract. The four-letter title, which the characters mutter under their breath at moments of heightened anxiety, also functions as a kind of warning. In a sense, Peele wants to use a Hollywood genre template to mount a critique of Hollywood barbarism, to lay bare the callousness of an industry that grinds dreams into dust and exacts a lot of unseen collateral damage. And because the audience plays its part in this vicious cycle, Peele means to complicate the very act of watching, to suggest that it can have its moral costs as well as its undeniable pleasures.

That's one reason he implies rather than embraces the violence of his story's darkest moments, turning the unspeakable into the unshowable.

All of which may leave "Nope" feeling like something of a B-movie ourboros, an unusually well-made and imaginative thriller that's sometimes tripped up by its own high-mindedness — and also, perhaps, by a closing stretch that struggles to bring Peele's grand intentions together. Still, there's no denying the richness of his ideas or the skill with which he taps into his inner Steven Spielberg, an inspiration that can seem tiresome in the wrong hands, but which here feels uniquely pointed and purposeful. One of Peele's more subversive touches is to effectively weaponize the convention known as "the Spielberg face," a term that, as unpacked at length by the critic and essayist Kevin B. Lee, describes Spielberg's signature images of characters gazing up, in beatific wonderment, at the spectacle in front of them. In "Nope," Peele's characters keep watching the skies even at their peril, unable to tear their eyes away. You'll know the feeling.

# Cruise

From C1

Cruise cabins are still available for last-minute trips this summer and into the fall. "Fares are some of the most affordable we've seen in a while," Gray Faust said. "You'd be hard-pressed to find a land-based travel experience that's more affordable or convenient this summer."

Four- and five-night Bahamas cruises on Carnival in August and September cost as little as \$25 per night on some travel websites, including Priceline and Cruises.com. Taxes and fees are not included and, in some cases, are more than fares.

You can book a seven-night Mexican Riviera cruise on Carnival in August for \$40 per night, and if you want to take that same cruise in September, it's \$36. A seven-night Royal Caribbean cruise in September is \$92 per night — and that's if you want a room with an ocean view, a steal compared to what you'd cough up for a decent hotel.

Prices are low beyond the Caribbean and Mexico. For a seven-night trip to Northern Europe with Royal Caribbean in August, with stops in Norway and Denmark, an ocean-view room is \$97 a night and a room with a balcony is \$109 per night. A balcony room on a Princess cruise to France and Italy costs \$123 a night, a little pricier than the other cruise options.

The demand for cruising



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ended a pandemic-era program that disclosed coronavirus cases on ships to the public. Travelers should now check with their cruise line for precautions and coronavirus levels, the CDC says. Pexels

has been pent up. Cruises returned to U.S. waters last summer after being docked in March 2020, but only a limited number of ships were sailing. Those cruise ships had occupancy limits, allowing only 50% capacity. Now, a year later, most cruise lines have fully returned, and occupancy limits have disappeared. "The number of available cabins dramatically increased, naturally making way for more competitive fares as lines worked to fill cabins for the summer season," Gray Faust said.

When it comes to pandemic-related risks, some travelers feel safer on cruises, and others feel the risk is higher than any other form of travel. Just this month, the Coral Princess had more than 100 covid cases onboard in Australia. Cruise companies

have been dealing with the reality that the coronavirus will find its way onto ships. As of last Wednesday, 93 of the 94 ships reporting coronavirus data to the CDC were under observation for COVID cases onboard.

This week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ended a pandemic-era program that disclosed coronavirus cases on ships to the public. While companies will continue to report cases to the agency, the CDC says travelers should now check with their cruise line for precautions and coronavirus levels. The agency dropped cruises from its pandemic travel advisory in March.

Many of the big cruise lines, including Royal Caribbean and Carnival, require passengers to be vaccinated and present a negative test

result before boarding. Earlier this month, Norwegian Cruise Line dropped its testing requirement; it still has a vaccination mandate. But the BA.5 variant poses a high risk of infection, even for travelers who are vaccinated or have been infected in the past.

Coronavirus risks aside, cruising is not everyone's favorite way to travel. But when you compare cruising to land- and air-based travel, the value and convenience of a cruise vacation is hard to beat, Gray Faust said.

"We've heard from many cruise lines that they have no intent of significantly increasing pricing in the short-term," she said. "After so long without cruising, they want to be sure to not add any unnecessary barriers to booking."

## Food

## Bread for \$10 is the new \$5 gas

Food prices give America sticker shock

By **LESLIE PATTON, KIM CHIPMAN & ANDREA BOSSI**  
Bloomberg

People really begin noticing inflation when it shows up in things that they regularly buy. That's why gasoline and milk get so much attention. Add bread to a growing list of basics that are rising in price and crushing consumer sentiment.

Amid the highest U.S. inflation in four decades, bread prices have soared this year, pushing more premium options to an unheard-of \$10 a loaf and beyond.

"It's kind of like a punch in the nose," said Mark Cohen, director of retail studies at Columbia University. These are prices "nobody has seen before" and have the same impact as gasoline hitting \$5 a gallon, he said.

The big question with the U.S. economy is how long can consumer demand hold up amid such inflation. When shoppers are worried about their finances, they traditionally cut back on discretionary items, and they are doing that (see Netflix and Peloton).

But the cracks in demand are spreading to basic goods. Shoppers are skipping the bread aisle, with unit purchases from U.S. grocers declining 2.7% over the past year through July 2, according to data from NielsenIQ. Americans have also bought less milk and eggs from retailers over the same period, though a portion of all these declines can be chalked up to a return to eating out.

Two major producers of packaged goods said last week that they are seeing waning demand. At PepsiCo, price increases have hurt volume, including declines last quarter in North America for its beverages — which span soda to juice — and snacks. Conagra Brands, the maker of Slim Jim jerky and Hunts tomato sauce, plans to keep raising prices even while acknowledging that those hikes led to a 6% drop in units.

All this is weighing on Krista Hoffman, a 29-year-old self-described stay-at-home mom with three kids. She plans meals around weekly deals and digital coupons, but that hasn't stopped her from cutting out items like juice boxes that have gotten too expensive. Rising meat prices have also pushed her to buy cheaper ground beef and plan more meatless dinners.

See **BREAD C8**



**Marinated Feta and Grape Skewers.** Tom McCorkle/Washington Post

## Marinated feta and grape skewers are enticing little bites

By **ELLIE KRIEGER**  
Washington Post

The French term amuse-bouche, which translates to "mouth amuser" and refers to the one-bite starter served at many restaurants, doesn't sound quite as poetic in English, but if you are looking for a little something to amuse your mouth, this recipe, which features marinated cubes of feta with grapes, delivers.

The skewers, standing vertically and majestically on the serving dish, begin to entice even before you take a bite, with their beautiful presentation, standing vertically and majestically on the serving dish. Pop one in your mouth and you get a jazzy quartet of flavors.

First there's the briny feta, brightened with a lemony marinade and accented with a ping of coarsely ground fennel seed and black pepper. Then, suddenly, the sweet-tart juiciness of the green grape bursts in. And, finally, there's a cooling clear note from the fresh mint leaf.

Each skewer is one titillating bite that will leave you wanting another, which is why this recipe makes enough for each person to have at least three.



**Marinated Feta and Grape Skewers.** Tom McCorkle/Washington Post

An ideal way to kick off an alfresco summer gathering, these skewers make for a memorable way to whet everyone's appetite and get them excited for what's next.

### MARINATED FETA AND GRAPE SKEWERS

Total time: 20 mins, plus 1 to 3 hours marinating time  
6 to 7 servings; makes 21 skewers

These one-bite skewers begin to entice even before you take a bite, with their beautiful presentation, standing vertically and majestically on the serving dish. Pop one in your mouth and you get a quartet of flavors, with briny feta, brightened with a lemony marinade and accented with coarsely ground fennel seed and black pepper; a sweet-tart burst of juicy green grape; and finally, a cooling, clear note from the fresh mint leaf. Each skewer is one titillating bite that will leave you wanting another, which is why this recipe makes enough for each person to have at least three.

You'll need 21 toothpicks or short skewers.

**Make Ahead:** The feta needs to marinate at least 1 and up to 3 hours before serving. The skewers may be made several hours in advance and stored in the refrigerator until ready to serve. Let come to room temperature before serving.

1 teaspoon fennel seed  
½ teaspoon whole black peppercorns  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 ½ teaspoons finely grated lemon zest  
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice  
One (4-ounce) block feta cheese, cut into ½-inch cubes (to yield 21 cubes)  
21 fresh mint leaves (½ cup)  
21 green grapes (1 cup)

Place the fennel seeds and peppercorns into a small, sealable bag and use a mallet or rolling pin to coarsely crush them. Alternatively, crush them using a spice grinder.

Transfer the crushed spices to a medium bowl. Add the oil, lemon zest and juice, and stir to combine. Gently stir in the feta cubes and marinate for 1 hour at room temperature or up to 3 hours in the refrigerator, stirring gently a few times as they marinate.

To make the skewers, place a mint leaf about ¾ inch up the skewer, then add a grape, and then gently place a cube of the marinated feta on the end. Serve, or refrigerate until needed.

*Nutrition information per serving (3 skewers), based on 7 | Calories: 59; Total Fat: 4 g; Saturated Fat: 3 g; Cholesterol: 14 mg; Sodium: 181 mg; Carbohydrates: 3 g; Dietary Fiber: 0 g; Sugar: 3 g; Protein: 2 g*

*This analysis is an estimate based on available ingredients and this preparation. It should not substitute for a dietitian's or nutritionist's advice.*

*From cookbook author and registered nutritionist dietitian Ellie Krieger.*

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## How to keep current on food recalls

CDC warns eating contaminated food can make people sick

By **DEEDEE STIEPAN**  
Mayo Clinic News Network

Ice cream, strawberries, packaged salads, even peanut butter — they all have been in the news in recent months because of links to foodborne illness as reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Each week, the CDC investigates dozens of foodborne illnesses, like salmonella or listeria infections involving multiple states. Dr. Nipunie Rajapakse, a pediatric infectious diseases physician, has more in this Mayo Clinic Minute.

Eating certain foods, like undercooked meat and poultry, can make you sick. They might be contaminated with bacteria like salmonella or E. coli. That's why cooking food to a proper temperature and avoiding cross-contamination is so important.

But what about dairy products like cheese and ice cream? Products made with raw milk can sometimes carry harmful germs including listeria.

"Listeria is a type of bacteria that is usually transmitted through food and food products. It is especially a concern if you're pregnant, if you're elderly or if you have a weakened immune system for some reason," says Dr. Rajapakse.

It's not just soft serve that's causing listeria illness.

"If you look at all the outbreaks that have been reported in the last few years, there's really a wide variety of different foods, including some foods that we would think of as being quite healthy."



**Products made with raw milk can sometimes carry harmful germs including listeria.**

Alexandra Malyk/Dreamstime/TNS

# Dirty Shirley as the drink of the summer?



**Dirty Shirley Cocktail.** Jennifer Heffner/Washington Post

Surely, this reporter writes, you can't be serious

By **M. CARRIE ALLAN**  
Washington Post

It was tempting to write a Dirty Shirley story that embraced minimalism:

How to make a Dirty Shirley  
Don't!  
The end.

But the Dirty Shirley phenomenon — to the extent it exists — offers so much to unpack: What defines a good drink? If a drink goes crazy on social media, does it always have legs in the bar world? Can better ingredients "fix" a drink that, in its usual form, makes many craft bartenders roll their eyes so far into their heads they can see

their own back tattoos?

To explain: The Shirley Temple is the world's most famous "mocktail," a mix of grenadine and ginger ale or Sprite most often served to children and named for the dimpled child movie star of the 1930s. Some origin stories claim it was made for the wee Temple after she made a fuss wanting the maraschino cherries in her parents' cocktails, but the adult Temple disapproved the drink and even sued to prevent commercial versions with her name. Boozy versions have long existed, some traveling under the witty name of Shirley Temple Black (the actress's married name).

In May of this year, the New York Times ran a story headlined "Is the Dirty Shirley the Drink of the Summer?" It noted that millennials returning to the city post-pandemic

were driving a trend that went far beyond one bar in SoHo: TikTok videos of the drink had been viewed by millions.

I'd never heard of a Dirty Shirley, but I could see the visual appeal — scarlet grenadine trickled in for an ombre effect, a perky neon cherry. But the recipe — just a Shirley Temple "dirtied" with alcohol — answered the headline's question: Not of my summer. The very idea had my tooth enamel filing a grievance.

Fearing the pandemic had so decimated New York's hospitality scene that craft bartenders who would once have guided these kids to better drinks had all left town, I went about my day, after yelling at some TikTokers to get off my lawn.

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## Books and authors

## 12 noteworthy books for the end of summer

By BECKY MELOAN  
Washington Post

Modern and historical fiction, a thriller with a tinge of horror, whip-smart satires and several engrossing memoirs offer multiple selections to read under a beach umbrella or atop a hammock.

'Joan,' by Katherine J. Chen (Random House)

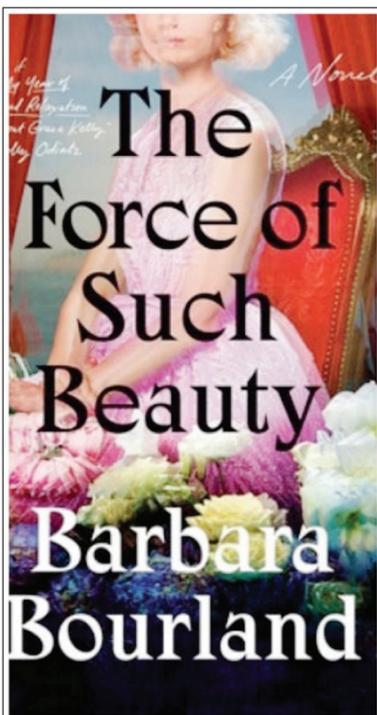
Joan of Arc has long enthralled novelists, who have portrayed her as a virginal warrior with holy visions. In her afterword, Chen describes trying to reconcile these conflicting representations of fighter and saint. It wasn't until she imagined the brutality of Joan's youth in a medieval war zone that she could realistically capture her protagonist's humanity. Chen's Joan has a scrappy, resilient childhood filled with both abuse and love. She grows up learning to fight, but always for justice on behalf of the people and country she loves.

'Fellowship Point,' by Alice Elliott Dark (Scribner/Marysue Rucci Books)

Dark, best known for her award-winning short story "In the Gloaming," made into a movie starring Glenn Close, has released her first novel in 20 years, an ambitious and satisfying tale of the lifelong friendship between two women in their 80s. When Maine coastal development encroaches on the land trust held by the few residents of their Quaker-inspired summer community, friends Agnes and Polly contend with shifting demands and loyalties while considering what they believe is right for their own legacies and for the nature they strive to preserve.

'Corinne,' by Rebecca Morrow (St. Martin's Press)

As a teenager in a fundamentalist church, Corinne idolizes strait-laced Enoch Miller, the eldest son of the people who brought her family into the fold. More than a decade later, after Corinne has been cast out of the church and cut off from her family, she has never felt worthy of love. But after a chance encounter with churchgoing Enoch, a mutual attraction rekindles — and raises a question about love and faith: Can you have one when you don't share the other?

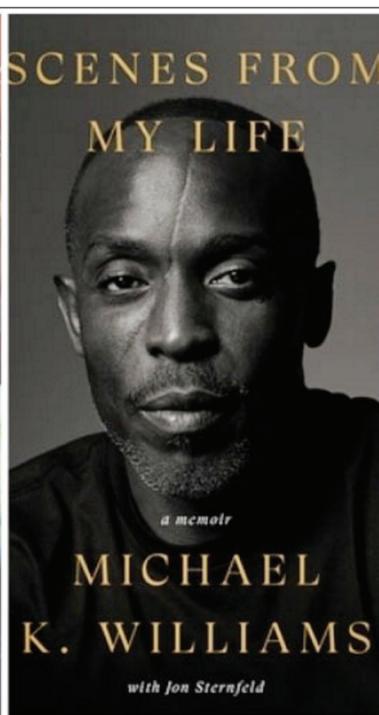


'Any Other Family,' by Eleanor Brown (Putnam)

Two weeks in a vacation rental will test any family's togetherness capabilities, especially one with newly built bonds. Brown thoughtfully explores the ways a chosen family's dynamics work, or do not, through the voices of three adoptive mothers of four biological siblings. Committing to keep their children connected, their fragile unity is tested when the children's birth mother announces she is pregnant again. Brown's experience with adoption brings emotional depth to her chronicle of each woman's anxieties.

'Sister Mother Warrior,' by Vanessa Riley (William Morrow)

Two real-life women — Marie-Claire, a free woman of color who became the first empress of Haiti, and Gran Toya, an enslaved warrior who became a freedom fighter — were Riley's inspirations for this expansive saga. Despite different backgrounds, their connections with revolutionary leader Jean-Jacques Dessalines brought them together to play crucial parts in Haiti's fight for independence from French colonial rule. Riley expertly weaves together the women's



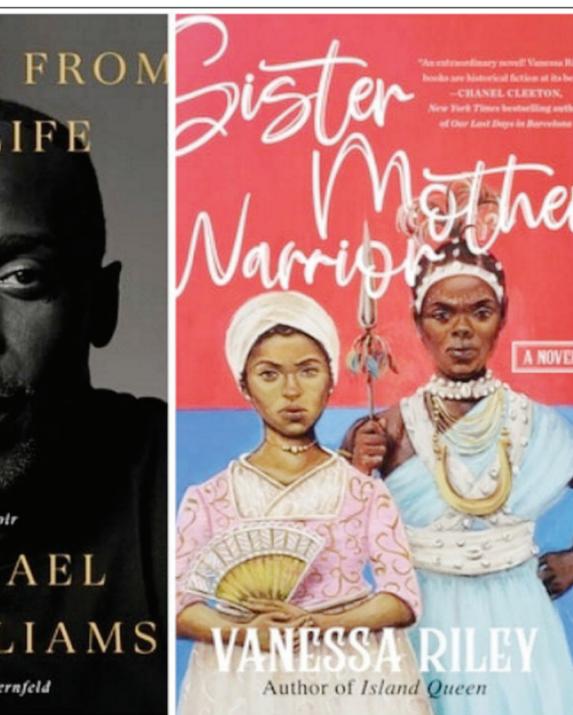
stories, vividly reframing a defining moment in Western history.

'Dirtbag, Massachusetts: A Confessional,' by Isaac Fitzgerald (Bloomsbury, July 19)

After his early years in Boston, Fitzgerald's childhood was abruptly transformed at age 8 with a move to rural western Massachusetts into a dilapidated house next to his disapproving grandparents. Suffering through his parents' rocky marriage and his mother's mental instability, he made rage-induced choices, such as starting a teenage fight club and drinking himself into oblivion, but he never stopped searching for a community that would embrace him. That search took him from San Francisco to Burma (now Myanmar), and he candidly shares the formative experiences that helped him put aside anger to live with acceptance and understanding.

'The Force of Such Beauty,' by Barbara Bourland (Dutton, July 19)

This is not your grandma's fairy tale. Former world-record-holding Olympic athlete Caroline marries Finn, the prince of an idyllic seaside kingdom. As she transforms into an international symbol of femininity, becoming the wife and



mother her new homeland demands, the luxurious trappings quickly become a prison. Even her physical body, which once carried her powerfully through competitions, becomes something other people admire and control. Influenced by the struggles of real-life princesses, Bourland's brilliant satire skewers the theatrics of power, excessive materialism and economic corruption.

'The Devil Takes You Home,' by Gabino Iglesias (Mulholland Books, Aug. 2)

With a cancer-stricken 4-year-old daughter and no health insurance, Mario agrees to kill a man for money in a desperate attempt to pay bills. When the act of slaughter releases pent-up rage, he takes another more lucrative and dangerous job that sends him on a gory journey through Texas and Mexican border towns. Iglesias describes his fiction as "Barrio Noir," a genre that combines crime and horror with multiculturalism and political issues. The incongruity of devotion to family with brutal vigilante justice creates dreadful tension as Mario tests his new moral compass.

'Diary of a Void,' by Emi Yagi, translated by David Boyd and Lucy North (Viking, Aug. 9)

Ms. Shibata doesn't love that her unwritten job description includes cleaning up the half-empty cups stuffed with cigarette butts left behind in her office's meeting room, so she announces a fake pregnancy as an experiment to see whether her co-workers will clean up after themselves. Attention and accommodations follow. She's encouraged to leave on time instead of working late, and her free evenings allow her to take better care of herself by cooking healthful meals and exercising. As the months progress, she keeps up her charade, both at work and with her newfound friends from the mommy aerobics club. Yagi artfully blurs the boundary between truth and lies with this riotous solution to women's workplace challenges.

'Fruit Punch: A Memoir,' by Kendra Allen (Ecco, Aug. 9)

Allen's powerful debut memoir reckons with coming of age after a childhood assault. Chapters switch between present-day talks with her therapist and the memories stirred up by those conversations. Labeled "disobedient" and "fast" while growing up in Texas in the 1990s and early 2000s, Allen experienced the prevalent adultification of young Black girls. As she tries to understand herself,

she cleverly forces consideration of her humanity — each sentence in a chapter about her adolescent fumbblings starts with a reminder of her youth ("I'm thirteen and ..."; "I'm twelve and ..."). Her writing is filled with insight and humor, and provides a nuanced representation of often-marginalized voices.

'All Signs Point to Paris: A Memoir of Love, Loss, and Destiny,' by Natasha Sizlo (Marriner, Aug. 16)

Sizlo's marriage and real estate business had collapsed when she met Philippe. He was handsome, French and up for fun, and their relationship was perfect, until it wasn't. After their breakup, she is given a session with an exclusive celebrity astrologer, who tells her that her soul mate was born in Paris on Nov. 2, 1968 — just like Philippe. But in a flash, she realizes that her ex isn't the only man born on that date in that city. Her soul mate is still out there — all she needs to do is find him. Sizlo's engaging account of her trip to Paris has all the pleasures of a spirited rom-com, enhanced by her real-life bravery in confronting the doubts and fears she had been hiding from herself.

'Scenes From My Life: A Memoir,' by Michael K. Williams and Jon Sternfeld (Crown, Aug. 23)

Williams, known for roles on "The Wire" and "Boardwalk Empire," spent his formative years in Brooklyn's East Flatbush's projects, where he didn't aspire to much beyond staying alive. Janet Jackson's 1989 "Rhythm Nation" video was an earthquake that shook his world, showing him Black people who were optimistic, proud and courageous. He followed his artistic dreams, until his burgeoning modeling career was derailed when his face was cut in a bar fight; but the scar would become one of his trademarks as an actor. Williams suffered from a lifelong drug addiction, even when his stardom rose to stratospheric levels. "I still wrestle with demons that won't leave me be," he writes in his soul-baring memoir. "They never go away; they just get quiet enough so I can think straight." Williams died in 2021 of a drug overdose; he was 54 years old.

## Literary journalist on the cusp of old age confronts his mathphobia in this beguiling memoir

By HAMILTON CAIN  
StarTribune

'A Divine Language' by Alec Wilkinson; Farrar, Straus & Giroux (287 pages, \$29)

Look, now: Buried amid this summer's beach reads, your Grishams and Hilderbrands, is a literary treasure. Alec Wilkinson's keen-eyed, beguiling new memoir, "A Divine Language," recounts how, in his 60s, he confronted the ogres of his adolescence: algebra, geometry, calculus. A longtime contributor to the New Yorker, Wilkinson had been, like many of us, a mathphobe: quadratic formulas and differential calculus was all Greek to him. But he saw the numbers (and letters) on the wall, and wanted to know

"A Divine Language" arcs from the hell of algebra to the purgatory of geometry: it "turned out to be more congenial than algebra had been," Wilkinson notes.

what they meant.

His old grievance feels personal. "Finally and furthermore and likewise and not least, I had it in for mathematics, for what I recalled of its self-satisfaction, its smugness, and its imperiousness,"

he writes. "It had abused me, and I felt aggrieved. I was returning, with a half-century's wisdom, to knock the smile off math's face."

With the encouragement of his niece Amie, a mathematics professor at the University of Chicago, he plunges in, taking remedial classes to brush up on arithmetic and fractions before moving onto algebra, his first challenge.

Wilkinson is a beautiful writer, a dry wit who seamlessly blends complex ideas with jazzy anecdotes and the history of math itself, conjuring pivotal figures from Euclid to Bertrand Russell. He structures his narrative across a year of immersive study, ranging over the symmetries and mysteries,

including the sphinxlike riddle of the Goldbach Conjecture. (Google if your curiosity is piqued.)

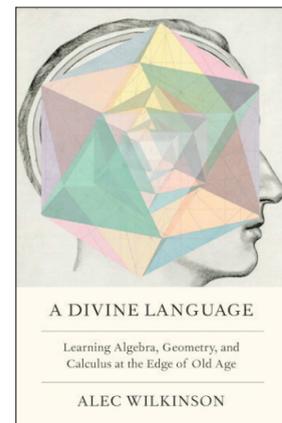
He lavishly depicts one prodigy, Ferguson — a character with a goatee and Jesus-hair tucked beneath a cowboy hat — who bypassed academia to pursue professional gambling. There are wonderful riffs on perplexed scientists; Wilkinson quotes Darwin's declarative metaphor: "A mathematician is a blind man in a dark room looking for a black cat which isn't there." And Amie's affectionate, bemused mentorship enriches the book; we should all have such a brilliant niece on call.

"A Divine Language" arcs from the hell of algebra to

the purgatory of geometry: it "turned out to be more congenial than algebra had been," Wilkinson notes. "I wouldn't say it was welcoming, but I wasn't roughed up, either. I didn't come out of the encounter bruised and disheveled."

But then he slips down into the pit of calculus. While this is enough to cause flashback hives among former English majors, Wilkinson makes for a wise and affable companion, right there at our side. Gradually the abstractions come into focus, and we find our footing again.

He guides us through thickets of sine and cosine, digressions on Shakespeare and the concept of infinity. In the end he achieves his goal: His book



demystifies math, illuminating the godlike, immutable properties of proofs and the ways numbers evolve, like animal species. For readers craving high style during the dog days, "A Divine Language" is simply divine.

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Tribune News Service

Here are the bestsellers for the week that ended Saturday, July 16, compiled from data from independent and chain bookstores, book wholesalers and independent distributors nationwide, powered by NPD BookScan.

## Publisher's Weekly best-sellers

9. Lore Olympus, Vol. 2. Rachel Smythe. Random House Worlds  
10. Suspects. Danielle Steel. Delacorte

Street  
9. Finding Me. Viola Davis. Harperone  
10. Leadership. Henry Kissinger. Penguin Press

## HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. Tanqueray. Johnson/Stanton. St. Martin's  
2. The Power of One More. Ed Mylett. Wiley  
3. Thank You for Your Servitude. Mark Leibovich. Penguin Press  
4. Battle for the American Mind. Pete Hegseth. Broadside  
5. Killing the Killers. O'Reilly/Duggard. St. Martin's  
6. Suppression, Deception, Snobbery, and Bias. Ari Fleischer. Broadside  
7. Atlas of the Heart. Brene Brown. Random House  
8. Defeating Big Government Socialism. Newt Gingrich. Center

## MASS MARKET

1. Where the Crawdads Sing (media tie-in). Delia Owens. Putnam  
2. It's Better This Way. Debbie Macomber. Ballantine  
3. The Summer House. Patterson/DuBois. Grand Central  
4. Rich Dad Poor Dad. Robert T. Kiyosaki. Plata  
5. Brannigan's Land. Johnstone/Johnstone. Pinnacle  
6. The Return. Nicholas Sparks. Grand Central  
7. Complications. Danielle Steel. Dell

8. The Guest List. Lucy Foley. Morrow  
9. The Last Goodnight. Kat Martin. Zebra  
10. Win. Harlan Coben. Grand Central

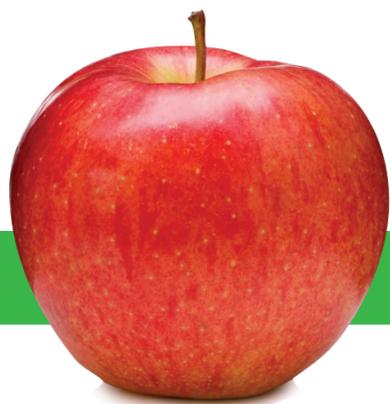
## TRADE PAPERBACK

1. Verity. Colleen Hoover. Grand Central  
2. Reminders of Him. Colleen Hoover. Montlake  
3. Book Lovers. Emily Henry. Berkley  
4. Where the Crawdads Sing (media tie-in). Delia Owens. Putnam  
5. Every Summer After. Carley Fortune. Berkley  
6. Heaven Official's Blessing: Tian Guan Ci Fu, Vol. 3. Mo Xiang Tong Xiu. Seven Seas  
7. Kaiju No. 8, Vol. 3. Naoya Matsumoto. Viz  
8. Malibu Rising. Taylor Jenkins Reid. Ballantine  
9. Things We Never Got Over. Lucy Score. Bloom  
10. The Love Hypothesis. Ali Hazelwood. Berkley

## HARDCOVER FICTION

1. The 6:20 Man. David Baldacci. Grand Central  
2. The It Girl. Ruth Ware. Scout  
3. The Hotel Nantucket. Elin Hilderbrand. Little, Brown  
4. Sparring Partners. John Grisham. Doubleday  
5. Rising Tiger. Brad Thor. Atria/Bester  
6. The Best Is Yet to Come. Debbie Macomber. Ballantine  
7. Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow. Gabrielle Zevin. Knopf  
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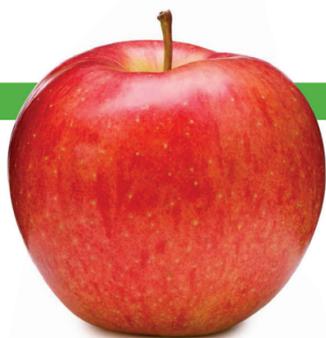
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# Drink

From C3

Soon my inbox began filling with opportunistic pitches. Vodka companies explained why their vodka was the one for the drink of the summer. There was a pitch for a canned version, a version with tequila, a version with rum. A glut of content referencing the drink!

Saturday Night Live's Bowen Yang told Jimmy Fallon: "I just heard the Dirty Shirley is the drink of the summer." The Today Show team mixed some up. Many outlets referenced the Times' headline but erased its question mark, turning the Shirley's summer supremacy into a fact.

A whole bunch of folks were trying to make fetch happen.

It had clearly already happened on TikTok, where 40% of users are 18 to 24 and you can watch many videos of pretty young people preening and posing with pretty red drinks, declaring this "Shirl Girl Summer" or griping about how the drink has been a thing for years — thanks, lamestream media, for finally catching up.

Slowly (but Shirley), I became uneasy. After all, there was a time when I loved Fuzzy Navels. Then I turned 19. Was I aging out of the cocktail culture, my recoil the booze-hound equivalent of when geezers gripe about today's music without bothering to explore it?

So I made the drink, half hoping it'd be like that moment in "Ratatouille" when the cynical critic takes one bite of Chef Rat's food and finds his carapace stripped away, humbled by the taste of a childhood comfort.

Look: I generally believe in live and let drink. You should do you, and given the individuality of every human palate, it's pointless to tell people what they should like. Studies have repeatedly shown people's taste perceptions change

with age. We find bitterness less aversive as we get older because we don't taste it as strongly. My love of bitter Negronis probably just shows I'm one day closer to death.

Still: The Dirty Shirley is trash.

It's like the sweetest soda imaginable. The vodka disappears in the drink, probably part of the appeal for those who don't yet enjoy the taste or burn of alcohol. Then there are those neon cherries, disturbingly meaty in texture.

I started reaching out to bars and eavesdropping on orders. Was there really a sudden craze for this drink? Who would order it more than once?

None of my favorite bars in D.C. reported real upticks. Several bartenders had never heard of it.

Morris American Bar general manager Doug Fisher knew of the drink. "It's not really what we do, but we'll make it if someone asks. We're in the business of saying yes," he said. "But it won't look like those online pictures, because we use the good cherries." (The tender, goey little cherries favored by craft bars look more like black olives. They aren't #adorbs. They just taste amazing.)

Some spots like the Dearborn in Chicago — which put a drink called Shirley's Sister on its nonalcoholic menu early in the year and whose publicist had noted which way the TikTok was ticking — have tried to capitalize on the trend. Beverage director Sarah Clark said they'd sold nearly 300, boozy and non, the preceding week. Made with cherries, cranberries, lemon zest and rosemary, it sounds like a good drink. Because it's not a Dirty Shirley.

Over the past month, I've come to picture what TikTok users are drinking and what cocktail lovers are drinking as a Venn diagram, with only a petal of shared space — probably consisting of drinks that are not only great for the 'gram but delicious and balanced.

I asked cocktail writer



**The Dirty Shirley cocktail tastes like the sweetest soda imaginable. The vodka disappears in the drink, probably part of the appeal for those who don't yet enjoy the taste or burn of alcohol. Then there are those neon cherries, disturbingly meaty in texture.** Jennifer Heffner/Washington Post

Robert Simonson about what drives this virtual and actual "virality" in the drinks world.

A number of modern drinks "were obviously made for Instagram, made to be beautiful and eye-catching, and then they get photographed a million times by people who drink them ... which of course causes more people to order them and photograph them," Simonson says, mentioning the Gunmetal Blue at Porchlight in New York and the Pina Verde, which started at Polite Provisions in San Diego but didn't fully hit till it was launched at Boiler-maker in New York.

That one, Simonson says, was more "slow motion viral," happening over the course of a few years. But there are certainly drinks that "whenever you see one of them, everyone orders one."

He mentioned one in particular that I'd seen firsthand: If the Dirty Shirley's the drink of the summer, no one's told the espresso martini. That drink has been around since the 1980s, but at least three times I've been at a bar asking about the purported Dirty Shirley craze, while watching espresso martinis flying out the door — IRL as they say.

Wesley Mannings, general manager at Denson Liquor Bar, has seen no uptick in Dirty Shirley orders. But "our new espresso machine paid for itself in a week," he says. Clark in Chicago confirmed: "We were baffled by the amount of coffee we were going through; then we realized it was all for cocktails."

Who can fully explain what makes a drink pop up again? And how to make a bad one go back into hiding? Do we just wait for TikTokers to age out of it?

I suppose I get the cheeky, ironic appeal of the Dirty Shirley. You have to appreciate the ouroboros of an adult drink riffing on a kid's drink created to mimic an adult drink.

But a drink does not become kid-friendly sheerly by virtue of being nonalcoholic. Nor, obviously, is a drink great for adults sheerly by virtue of containing alcohol. Adulthood is not childhood with added booze; adulthood is childhood with added complexity.

Surely it warrants drinks to match?

I've tried to provide one here — a more balanced but still sweet and cherried take on the purported "drink of the summer." Please, don't call it Shirley.

## DON'T CALL ME SHIRLEY

5 minutes  
1 serving

Despite the name, this is sort of a Dirty Shirley for pickier cocktail drinkers. Rather than hiding a stiff shot of booze under a pile of sugar, this uses a black cherry vodka (we recommend Black Infusions, made with real cherries), herbal Pimm's liqueur and lemon juice for a drink that's still refreshing and summery, but more balanced and complex.

Where to Buy: Look for Luxardo or Amarena cherries (not the neon-red ones!), available at liquor stores and specialty

stores for garnishes and for their syrup, if you don't have grenadine.

- Ice
- 2 dashes Angostura bitters
- ½ ounce grenadine (or the syrup from real maraschino cherries)
- ¾ ounce fresh lemon juice
- ½ ounce Pimm's liqueur
- 1 ½ ounces black cherry vodka
- 3 to 4 ounces lemon or lemon-lime soda, to top
- Amarena or maraschino cherries, for serving

Fill a highball glass with ice. To a cocktail shaker, add the bitters and grenadine (or cherry syrup), then fill two-thirds of the way with ice. Add the lemon juice, Pimm's and cherry vodka, and shake quickly to chill and combine. Strain into the glass, then top with the soda and garnish with the cherries.

*Nutritional facts | Calories per serving (using 3 ounces soda): 212; Total Fat: 0 g; Saturated Fat: 0 g; Cholesterol: 0 mg; Sodium: 15 mg; Total Carbohydrates: 21 g; Dietary Fiber: 0 g; Sugar: 17 g; Protein: 0 g.*  
*Recipe from Spirits columnist M. Carrie Allan. Tested by M. Carrie Allan.*

## DIRTY SHIRLEY COCKTAIL

5 minutes  
1 serving  
The Dirty Shirley is an alcoholic version of the Shirley Temple, itself a kid's version of an adult cocktail. Named for the ringleted child star of

the 1930s (who disavowed the drink and even sued to prevent companies from releasing commercial versions using her name), the rosy, neon cherry-enhanced drink has had alcoholic variations floating around for years. Especially when made with commercial grenadine and lemon-lime soda, it is aggressively sweet. Those who prefer their drinks less so should steer clear — or try a bitter lemon soda, a good craft grenadine (look for brands that include an acidic component in their ingredient list. They may not be as scarlet!). Or try a more restrained variation.

Where to Buy: Grenadine is widely available at grocery and liquor stores.

- 2 ounces vodka
- ½ to 1 ounce grenadine, to taste
- 6 to 8 ounces lemon-lime soda, ginger ale or a mix of the two
- Maraschino cherries, for serving

Fill a highball glass with ice. Add the vodka and grenadine, then top with soda and/or ginger ale to fill. Stir gently to combine, then garnish with the cherries and serve.

*Nutritional facts | Calories per serving (using 1/2 ounce grenadine and 6 ounces soda): 240; Total Fat: 0 g; Saturated Fat: 0 g; Cholesterol: 0 mg; Sodium: 21 mg; Total Carbohydrates: 28 g; Dietary Fiber: 0 g; Sugar: 23 g; Protein: 0 g.*  
*Traditional recipe adapted by Spirits columnist M. Carrie Allan.*



**Rather than hiding a stiff shot of booze under a pile of sugar, the Don't Call Me Shirley Cocktail uses a black cherry vodka and lemon juice for a flavor that's more balanced and complex.** Jennifer Heffner/Washington Post

# Bread

From C3

Hoffman, who lives in Brownsburg, Ind., said in a message that the situation has left her stressed. "I feel like the month just started, and I've spent \$650 on groceries already."

In the past few weeks, prices for gasoline and other commodities have declined, offering some hope that inflation is cooling. But bread could stay elevated longer because it has specific pressures beyond the rising costs for transportation and labor that are affecting nearly everything.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine disrupted two of the world's biggest wheat exporters, sending prices to the highest on record. Climate change is leading to more erratic and extreme weather, including droughts.

Wheat has also been losing acreage in the U.S. for years as farmers switch to more lucrative crops, like corn, that can be used for biofuels.

The nearly \$50 billion U.S. bread industry was already facing the threat of shifting consumer tastes, thanks to the increasing popularity of gluten-free diets, according to researcher IBISWorld. Now there are worries that these price hikes help usher in another boom in carb-cutting — as in the South Beach Diet craze of the early aughts. Meanwhile, restaurants may offer less free table bread or slash portions.

The price for a pound of white bread in the U.S. hit a record \$1.69 in June, a 12% jump from a year earlier. Meanwhile, wheat bread also hit an all-time high of \$2.22 a pound.

In Chicago's Logan Square neighborhood, husband-and-wife team Taylor and



**Taylor Bruns runs the Flat & Point restaurant in Chicago with her husband. They sell loaves of bread at farmers markets for \$10, which she said is fair because of rising costs and pricier ingredients.** Christopher Dilts/Bloomberg

Brian Bruns are trying to stay profitable at their mountain-themed restaurant, Flat & Point. This spring, they ramped up their baking to begin selling loaves of sourdough

and whole wheat at farmers markets across the city.

The couple priced their 2-pound loaves at \$10, hoping to offset higher flour costs, but also because of surging prices for eggs and butter. While the price tag has turned off some shoppers at the farmers market, it's fair because they use pricier organic ingredients, according to Taylor Bruns.

"We've definitely gotten pushback," she said.

In the days after Russia's invasion of Ukraine in late February, wheat futures in

Chicago touched the highest price ever with more than a quarter of global exports at risk. Soybean oil, a common bread ingredient, also surged.

Prices have declined since then, especially lately amid concerns of weaker demand. However, U.S.-traded benchmark wheat is still more than 15% higher than a year ago. Last month, global wheat prices were almost 50% higher after soaring to a near-record in May, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

Falling prices will take time to work through system because most baked-bread companies buy ingredients months in advance.

There are also looming threats from drought.

If realized, the latest U.S. production estimate for hard red winter wheat, relied on to make bread flour, would be the lowest since at least the mid-1980s due to a lack of rain. The size of the crop being harvested in states like Kansas has been slashed after drought that baked fields farther north last year hit parts of the Central Great Plains.

There is more volatility coming in wheat and bread prices that will likely last well into next year — if not longer, according to Arlan Suderman, chief commodities economist at StoneX Financial.

Back in Chicago, La Boulangerie & Co., a bakery and cafe with four locations, recently raised menu prices by about 10% to offset higher expenses that spanned butter to refrigerator repairs. The chain increased the price of its baguettes by 50 cents to about \$4, and its loaf of brioche has hit \$11.50.

"It's really hard because how high can you pay for a loaf of bread?" said owner Vincent Colombet. "Can you pay \$20 for a loaf of bread? No. We are really squished between the hammer and the anvil."

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